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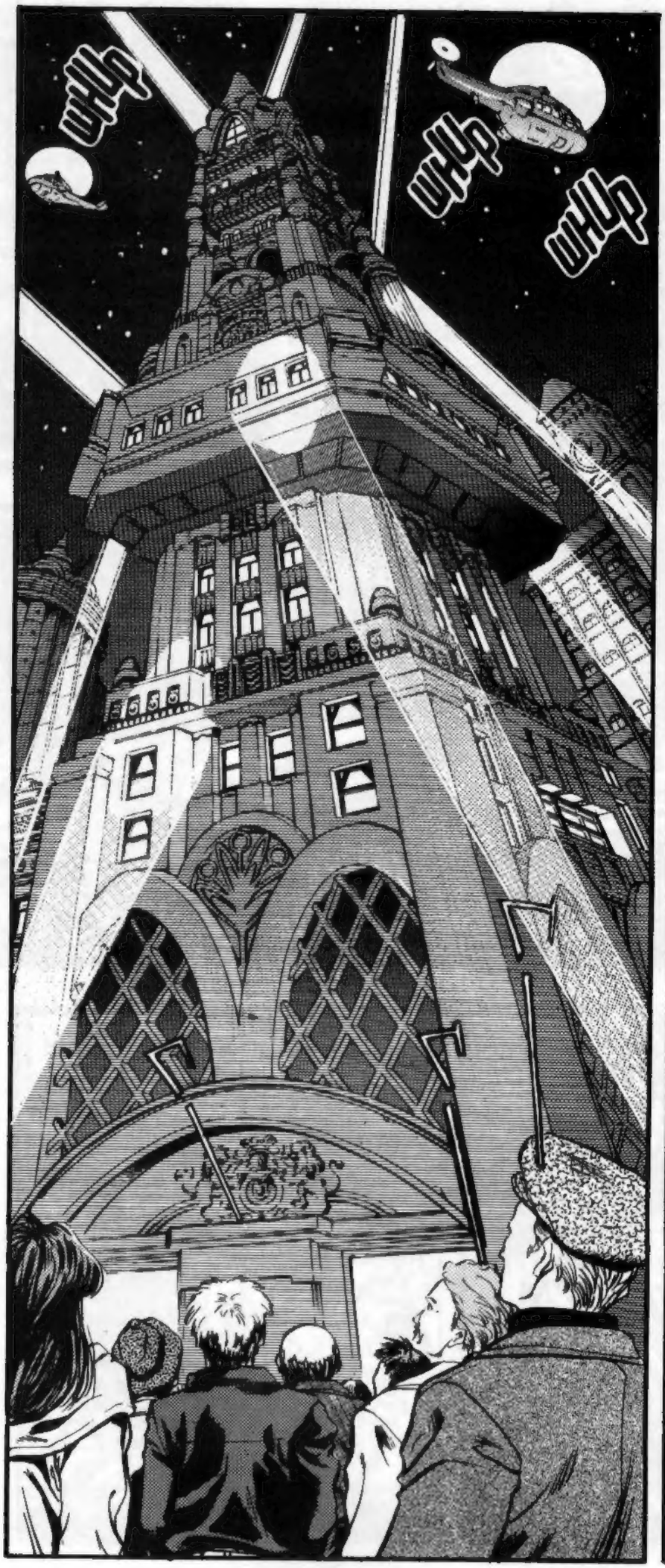
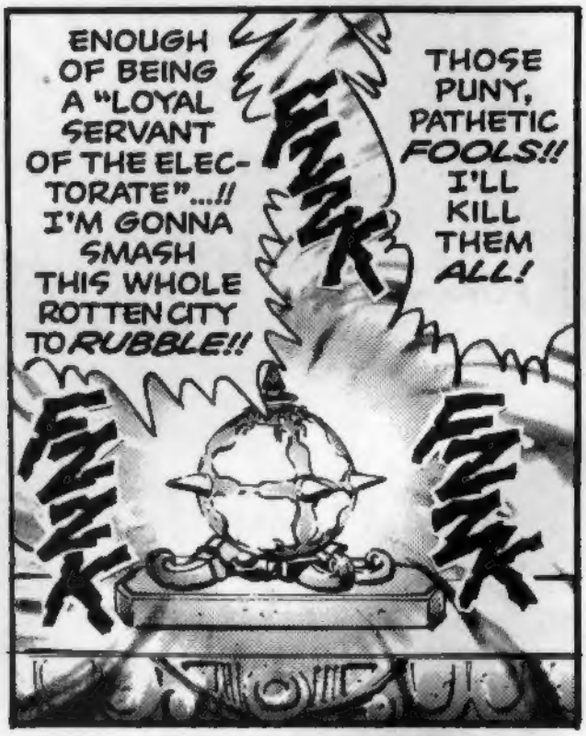

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP

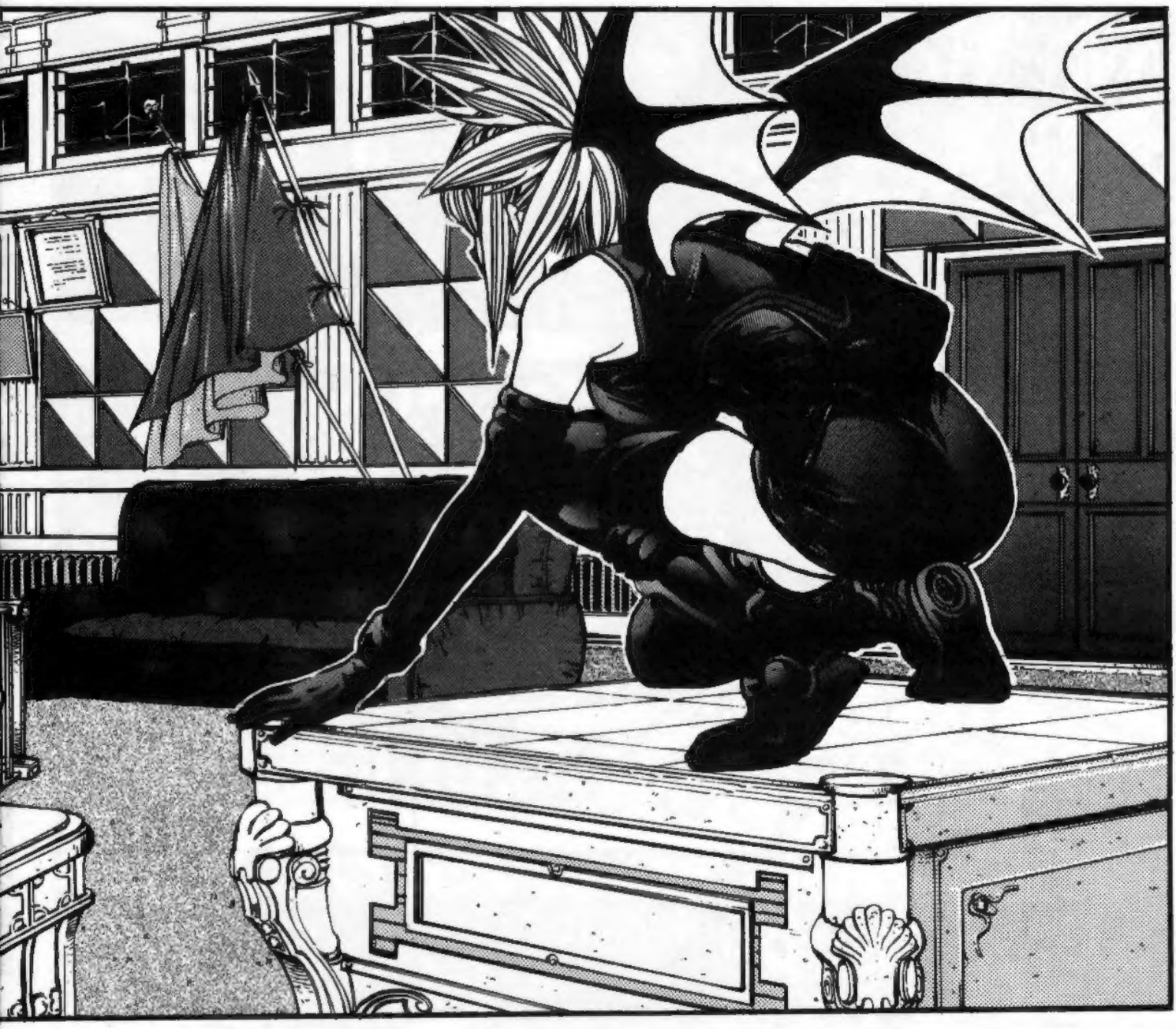
FOLLOWING RECENT REPORTS THAT SHADOW LADY IS SUSPECTED OF MURDERING GRAY CITY'S BEST-LOVED CITIZEN, KLEIN HANAYAMA...
...WE HAVE TO WONDER WHAT SHE PLANS TO DO NOW TO OUR BELOVED MAYOR KARMAN?!
CROSS
PAN

AFTER RECEIVING HER NOTE, THE MAYOR BARRICADED HIMSELF INSIDE CITY HALL.
ALL THE POLICE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO IS SEAL OFF THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING AND WAIT...

FAREWELL
NO! NO!! I'M NOT GIVING THIS TO YOU OR ANYONE!!

THIS JEWEL RELIEVES ALL MY STRESS!!
"FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITIZENS! FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITIZENS!!!" DAMN IT!! I'M SO SICK OF IT!!


ENOUGH OF BEING A "LOYAL SERVANT OF THE ELECTORATE"...!! I'M GONNA SMASH THIS WHOLE ROTTEN CITY TO RUBBLE!!
FZZK
THOSE PUNY, PATHETIC FOOLS!! I'LL KILL THEM ALL!
FZZK
FZZK



WE'VE GOT TROUBLE, AIMI!! THE DEMON STONE'S INCREASING ITS POWER!!

WELL, CRAP!! OKAY, THEN PAL-- YOU ASKED FOR IT!
NO! GET BACK!!

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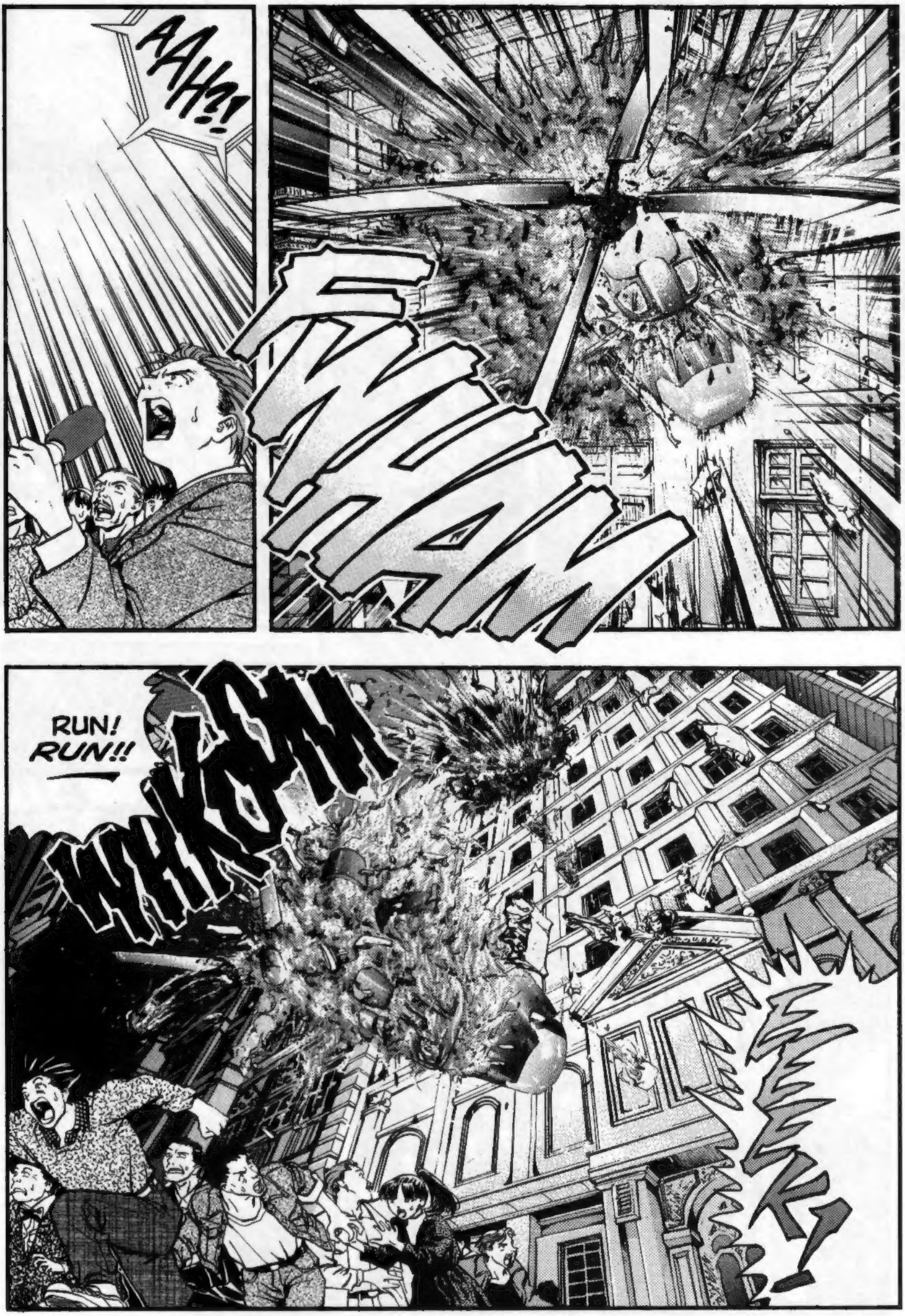
!!
KRAK
THUD
BKOOM


AAH?!
KWAM
RUN! RUN!!
KYAKOM
EEEK!

WHAT THE HELL ?!
WHOOM
THANKS, DE-MO-- JUST IN TIME.
YEAH, FOR US-- BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN THE CROWD?
AIEEE!!
GEEZ... WHAT A PAIN!
OH, WELL... =sigh=
L-LOOKS LIKE IT'S ALL OVER FOR US! OH, THE HUMANITY!
MOMMYYY!

WHSSH
WHSSH
WHOOSH
FIP
EEEK!
WHSSHHH

EEP!
SKRASHH!
RMBB
RMBB
RMBB
koff
koff

KOFF
KOFF
.....
HEY THERE, EVERYONE!!
DON'CHA WORRY, THE SHADOW LADY IS A-OK!
TA-DAA!
MUR-DERER!! LUNATIC!! KILLER!!
YOW!
H-HEY?!

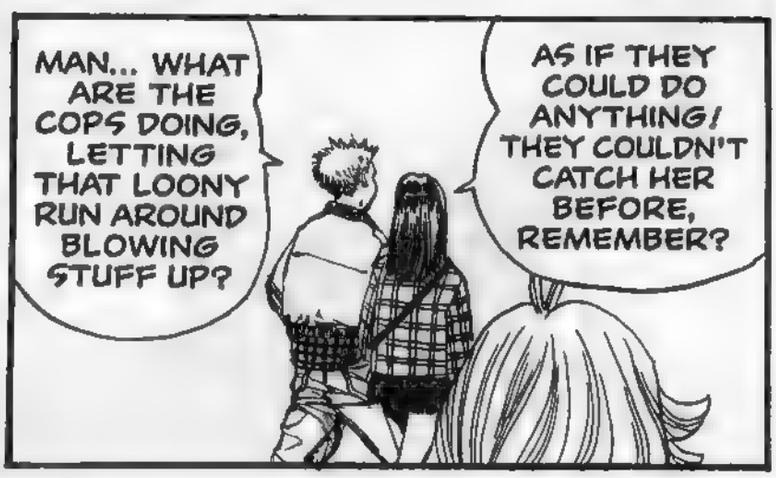
GEEZ!! THIS IS THE THANKS I GET?! I JUST SAVED YOU GUYS!!
COOL IT, AIMI.
WE'VE SEALED THE DEMON STONE AND THERE AIN'T NO POINT IN STICKING AROUND. LET'S JUST GET OUTTA HERE.
....
...!
NRRG!
I AM SO PISSED MY BRAIN'S GONNA EXPLODE.
RNNG!
GRRR!
HEY, THERE'S JUST ONE MORE TO GO. SAVE IT FOR THE LAST ARCH-DEMON!
LOOK AT THE GOOD SIDE--WE GOT THE REST OF THEM JUST LIKE THAT.
WITH THIS DETECTOR, IT'LL TAKE NO TIME TO FIND THE LAST ONE, AND AFTER THAT, YOU CAN GO BACK TO BEING PLAIN OLD AIMI... RIGHT?

JUST CALL BEING SHADOW LADY QUITS.
....
....

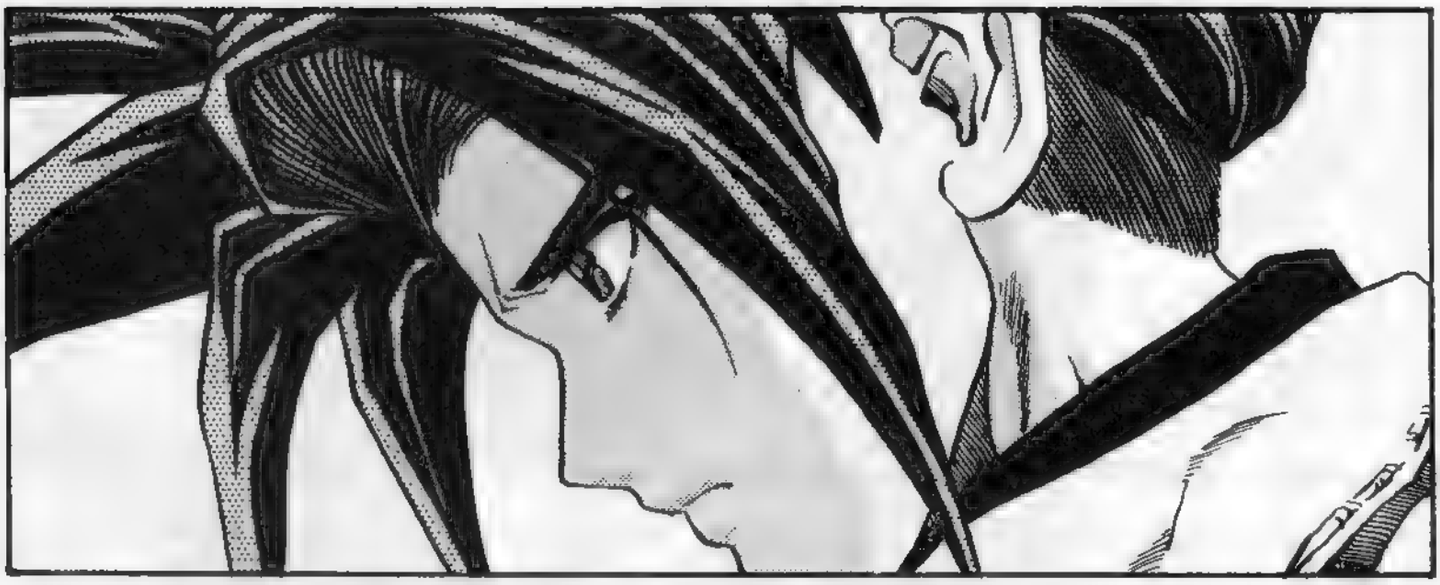
Y... YEAH... JUST ONE MORE TO GO. OKAY!! LET'S GO KICK SOME ARCH-DEMON BUTT!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, SHADOW LADY!!

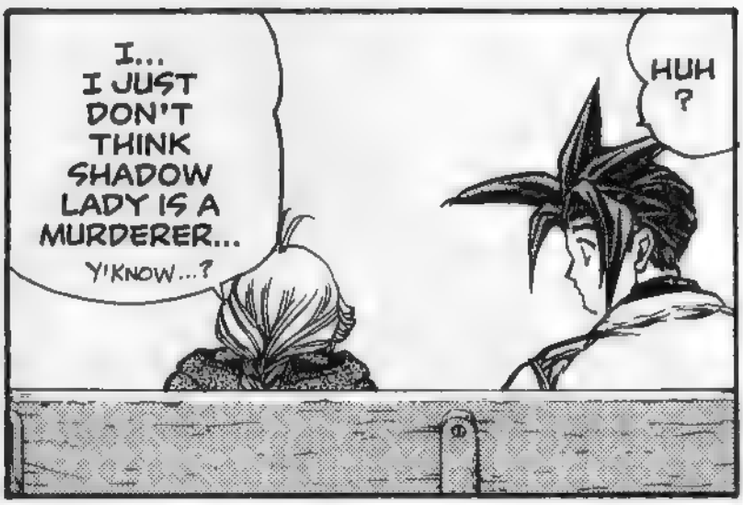
OH, GEEZ...
...JUST LOOK AT THIS STUFF!

MURDERER ON THE LOOSE
"SHADOW LADY IS THE DEVIL HERSELF," SAYS CHIEF INSPECTOR DORY


MAN... WHAT ARE THE COPS DOING, LETTING THAT LOONY RUN AROUND BLOWING STUFF UP?
AS IF THEY COULD DO ANYTHING! THEY COULDN'T CATCH HER BEFORE, REMEMBER?

BUT... HONESTLY... I DIDN'T THINK SHADOW LADY WAS THAT KIND OF PERSON... IT'S SO WEIRD.
...
...
DAILY GRAY
WAAH! LISTEN TO HOW EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT POOR SHADOW LADY! :snff:
DAILY GRAY
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT, AFTER DOING ALL THAT ...?
GACK!
B... BRIGHT ...?!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ON SHADOW LADY'S SIDE, AIMI?
UM... I WOULDN'T SAY "SIDE", BUT...
NO, I UNDER-STAND.




I... I JUST DON'T THINK SHADOW LADY IS A MURDERER... Y'KNOW...?
HUH ?

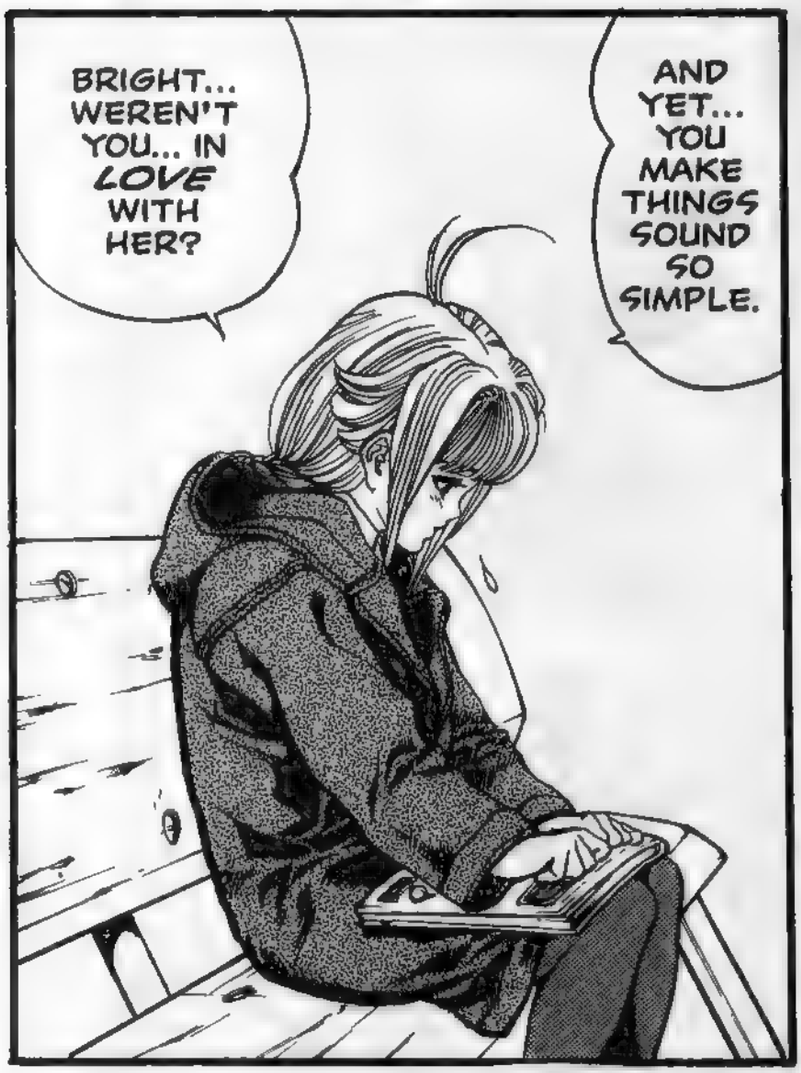
UM... BRIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU REALLY THINK... HON-ESTLY?

....!

WELL, I'M A COP. SO I TRY TO ONLY THINK ABOUT DOING MY JOB AND ARRESTING HER.
IT SEEMS TO ME THAT FIRST WE NEED TO CATCH HER... THEN WE CAN FIND OUT THE TRUTH.

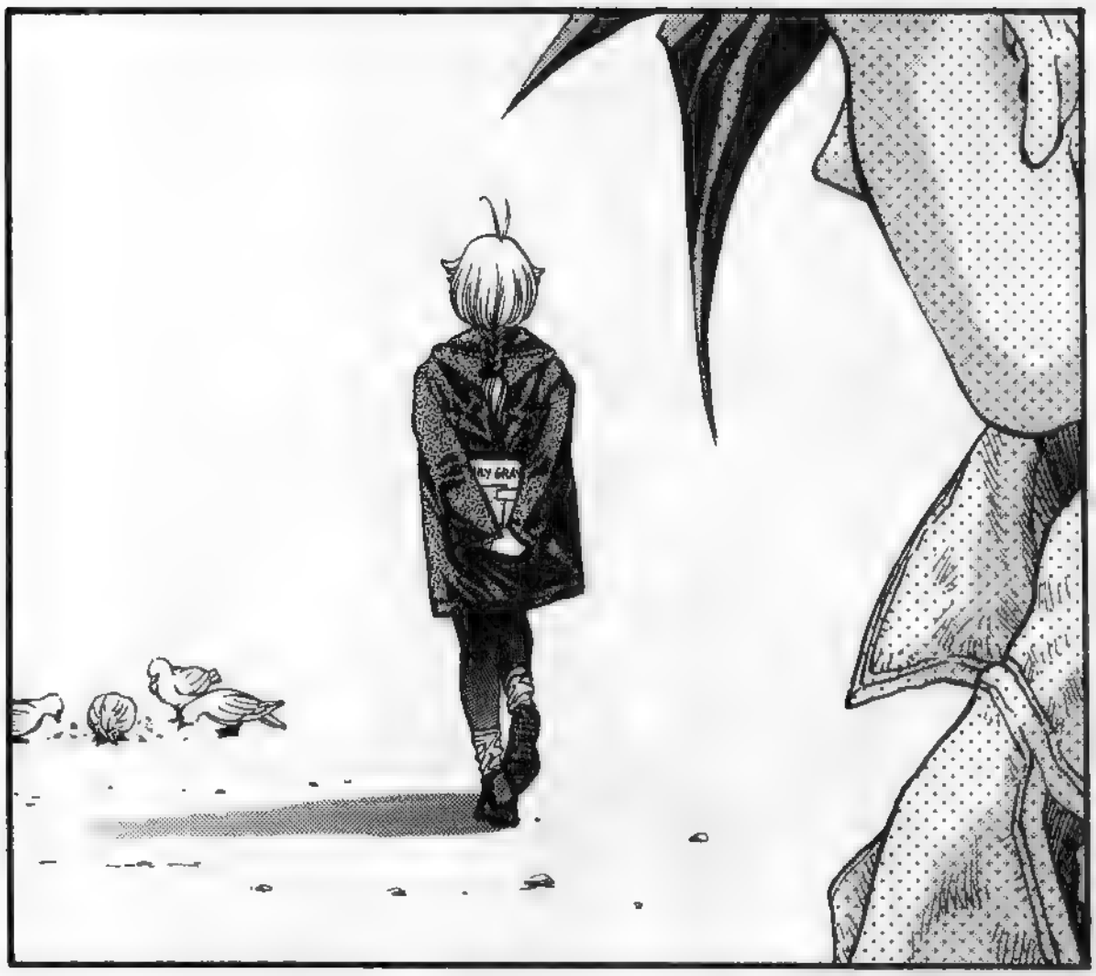
IS IT REALLY SO SIMPLE FOR YOU?

HUH ?


BRIGHT... WEREN'T YOU... IN LOVE WITH HER?
AND YET... YOU MAKE THINGS SOUND SO SIMPLE.

UM... WHAT WAS IT YOU LIKED ABOUT HER?

WHAT DID I LIKE ...?
HMM. HER ABILITIES... I GUESS.
MOSTLY I WANTED HER TO USE THOSE MYSTIC POWERS FOR A GOOD CAUSE. IT'S UNFORTUNATE... REALLY.
UMM... SO, THEN... IT... er...
...IT WASN'T THAT YOU LIKED HER AS... AS A WOMAN.



"AS A WOMAN" ...??
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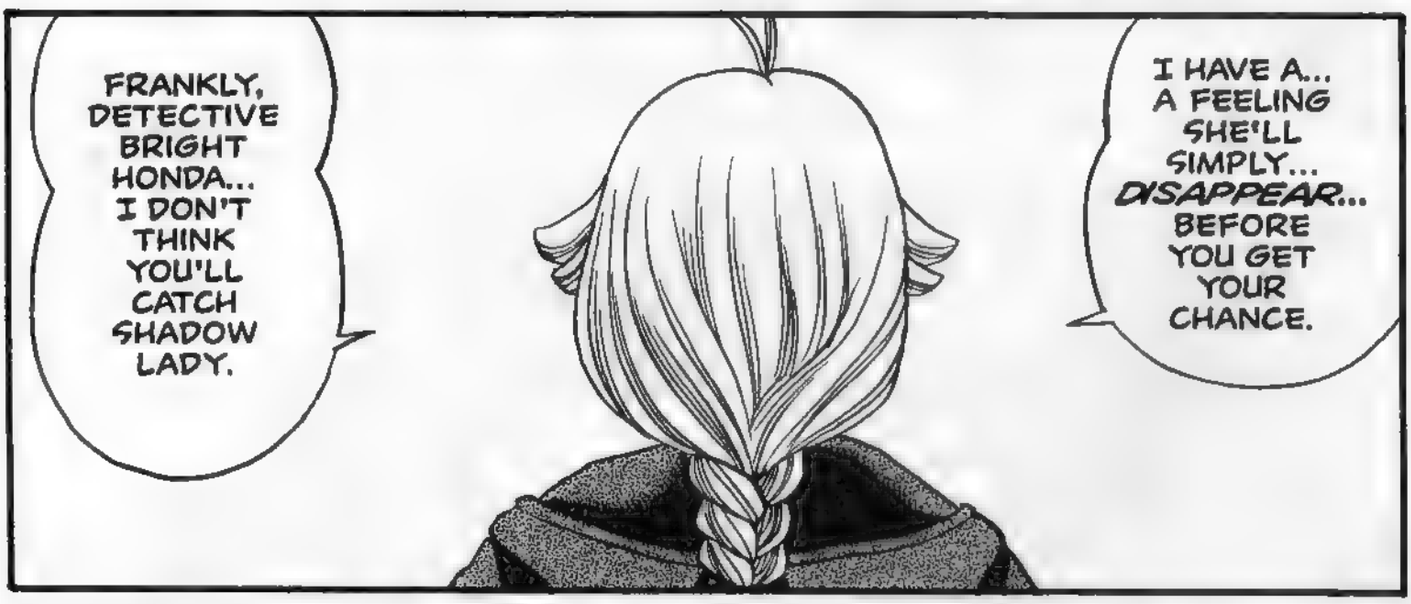
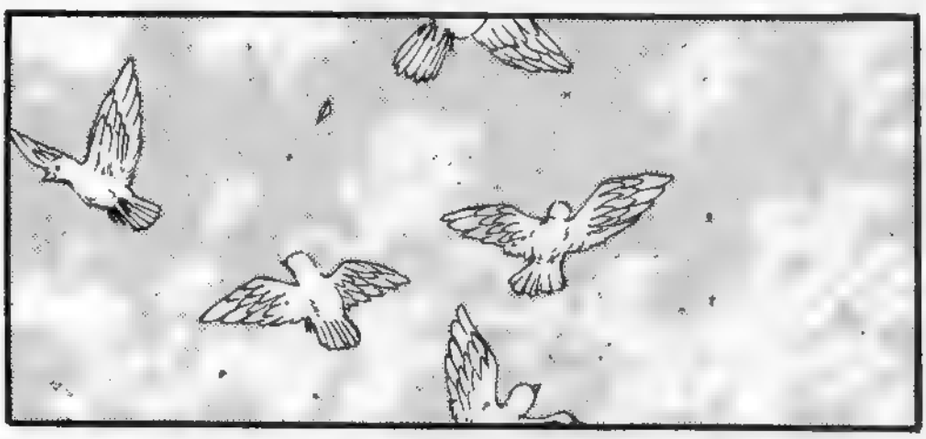

FRANKLY, DETECTIVE BRIGHT HONDA... I DON'T THINK YOU'LL CATCH SHADOW LADY.
I HAVE A... A FEELING SHE'LL SIMPLY... DISAPPEAR... BEFORE YOU GET YOUR CHANCE.



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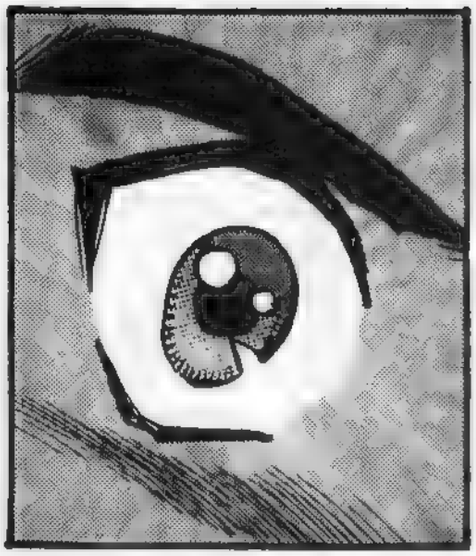
"BRIGHT... WEREN'T YOU... IN LOVE WITH HER?"



SHADOW LADY *IS*, AND YET *ISN'T* ME...
SHE *ISN'T* ME, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT HER.
AND IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW BRIGHT THINKS OF HER.
IT *SHOULDN'T* MATTER, BUT...
sniff
sniff
sniff

ENOUGH!! YOU DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO BE CRYING ABOUT STUPID LITTLE THINGS LIKE THAT.
AFTER ALL, IF ALL THOSE DEMON STONES AREN'T SEALED, THE WHOLE WORLD'S GONNA BE DESTROYED!! SO... GO FOR IT, AIMI!! ONLY ONE LEFT!!

NEXT: "RAIN"...!

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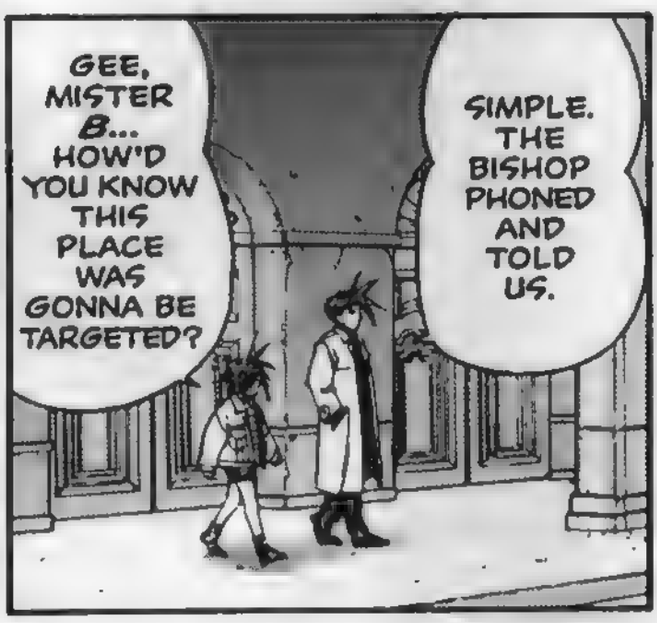
RAIN

TH-THANK YOU, MY SON.
DON'T WORRY, YOUR REVERENCE. WE'LL BE READY FOR SHADOW LADY WHENEVER SHE APPEARS.


SIMPLE. THE BISHOP PHONED AND TOLD US.
GEE, MISTER B... HOW'D YOU KNOW THIS PLACE WAS GONNA BE TARGETED?

SAID HE'D HEARD THE WORD OF GOD.

THE... THE "WORD OF GOD" ...?
HAHN ...?! YOU CAME BECAUSE OF THAT?
OF COURSE NOT! I DID SOME RESEARCH, TOO.
THE TREASURE THE BISHOP BELIEVES SHADOW LADY IS AFTER IS A HOLY JEWEL THAT LOOKS ALMOST EXACTLY LIKE THE ONE STOLEN FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.
FURTHER-MORE, THE VICTIMS IN THE OTHER TWO CASES WE KNOW OF ALSO HAD SIMILAR JEWELS.
KLEIN PROBABLY HAD ONE, TOO, BUT HE WAS KILLED, SO WE CAN'T ACTUALLY CONFIRM IT. STILL...
NO KID-DING. WOW.
ANYHOW, YOU AND SPARK GIRL BETTER KEEP YOUR NOSE OUT OF THIS ONE.
HUH? WHY?! NO FAIR! I'VE BEEN HELPING ON THIS FROM--
PLEASE, LIME.
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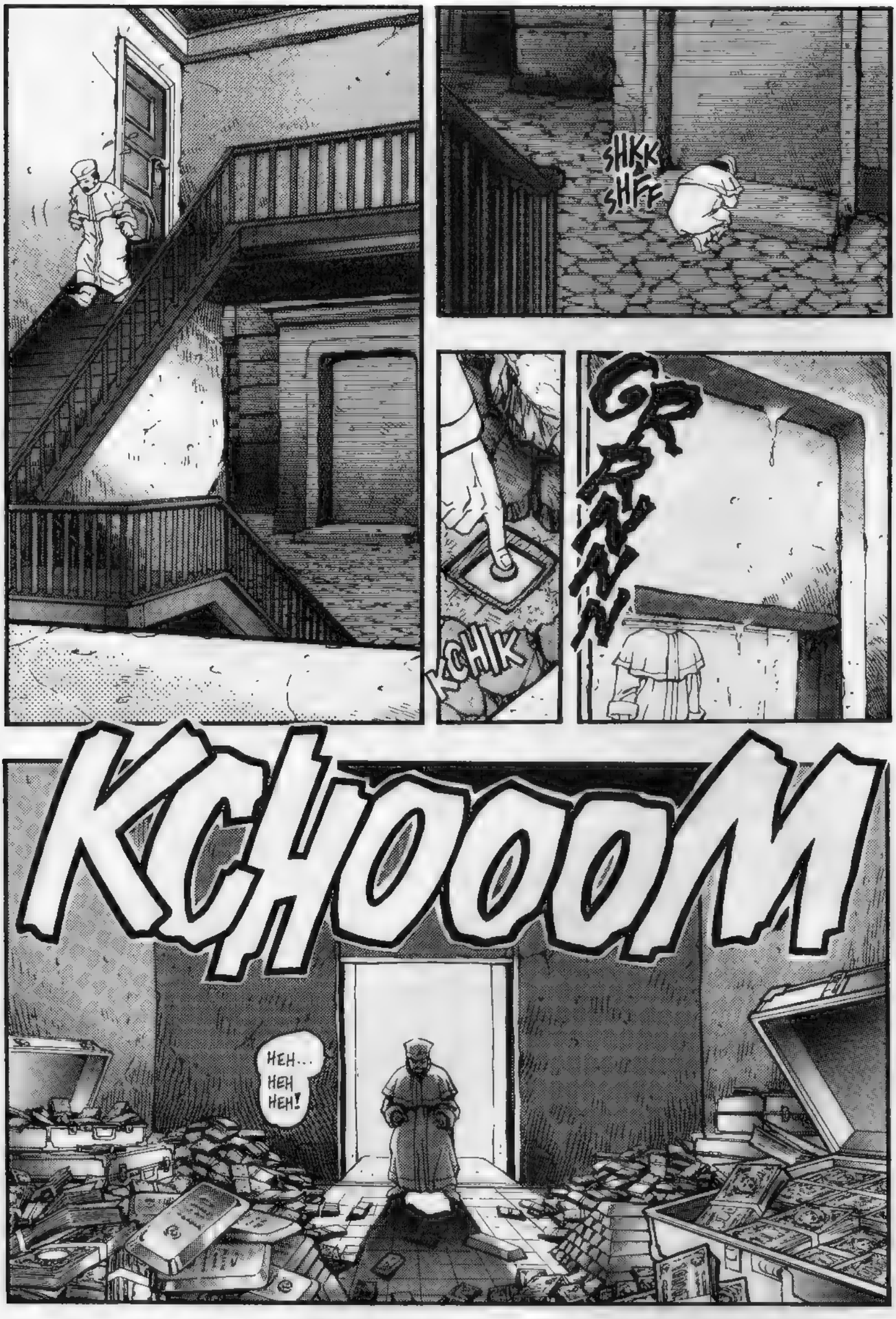
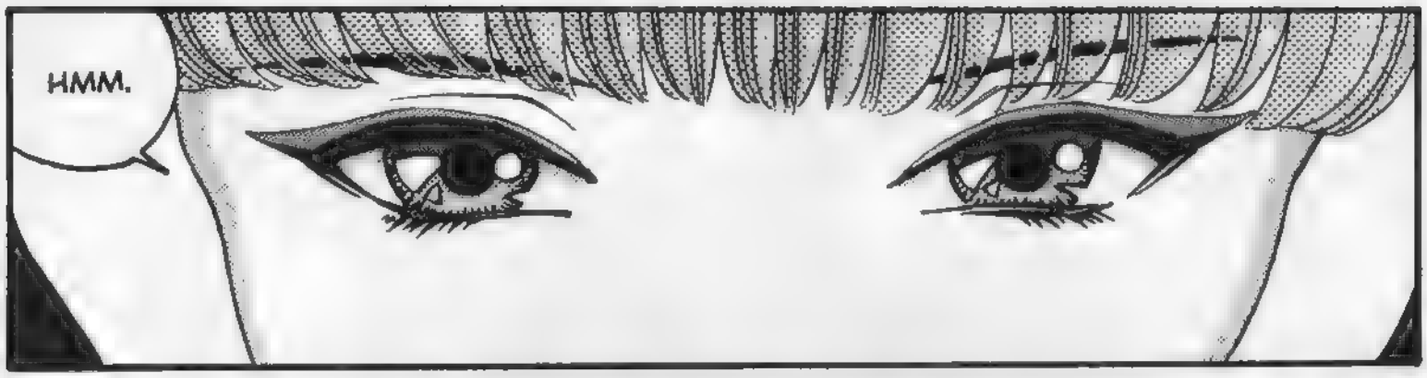

SHKK
SHFF
KCHK
GRRZZZ
KCHOOM
HEH...
HEH HEH!

I... I'M NOT LETTING ANY-ONE TAKE THIS MONEY!!
NOT EVEN GOD!!
VREEEEE
soon the thief known unto thee as shadow lady shall arrive here.
defend me at all costs! if you do so, I shall continue to grant thee miraculous powers!
DO NOT WORRY, MASTER!! I SWEAR I WILL NOT LET ANYONE LAY EVEN A SINGLE FINGER ON YOU!!
FLASH
SO, I BEG YOU, GREAT MASTER... MONEY!
PLEASE GIVE ME MORE MONEY!!

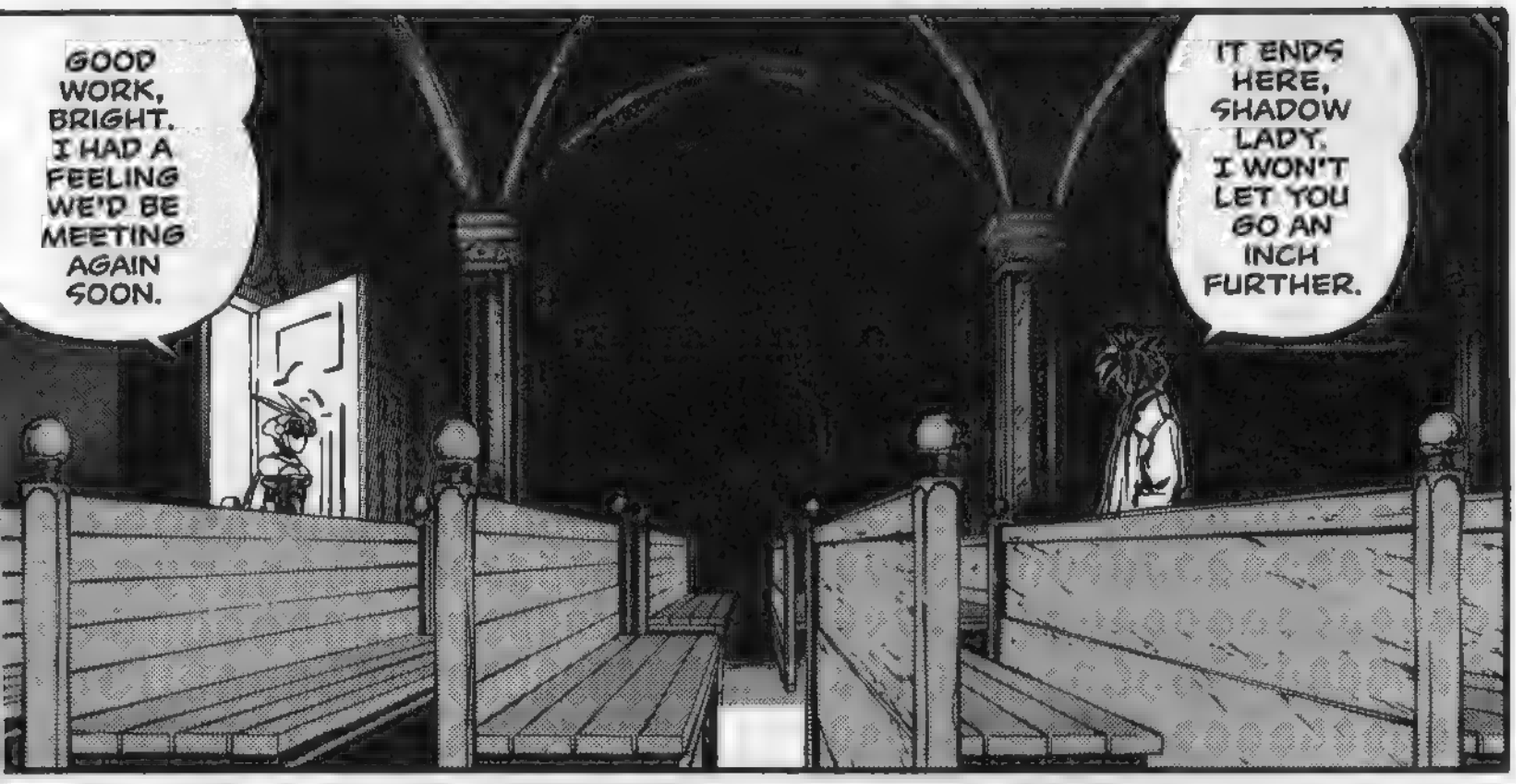
YEP... GRAY CITY CATHEDRAL... THAT'S IT. THE SOURCE POINT RADIATING THIS POWERFUL MAGIC.
....
...!
BEEP
BEEP

I HEARD THE BISHOP THERE RECENTLY GAINED THE POWER TO WORK MIRACLES.
HE'S BEEN MAKING BIG BUCKS HEALING INCURABLE DISEASES AND STUFF LIKE THAT.

THOSE "MIRACULOUS POWERS" ARE REALLY COMING FROM THE DEMON STONE, OF COURSE.
SO FAR, IT AIN'T LIKE HE'S DOING ANYTHING BAD, BUT IF HE KEEPS IT UP THE DEMON'S EVENTUALLY GONNA REVIVE.
ANYWAY, IT'S THE LAST STONE! ONCE WE CORK IT UP IT'LL FULFILL OUR CONTRACT WITH THE DEMON WORLD POLICE, AND WE'LL FINALLY BE FREE!!
FWUSSH
KNIGHT
KREEEE
GEE... IT'S A LITTLE LONELY WITHOUT THE COPS WAITING FOR US, ISN'T IT?


HMM.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, SHADOW LADY.


GOOD WORK, BRIGHT. I HAD A FEELING WE'D BE MEETING AGAIN SOON.
IT ENDS HERE, SHADOW LADY. I WON'T LET YOU GO AN INCH FURTHER.

WH-WHOA!! SOMETHING'S GOING ON... THE DEMON STONE'S SUDDENLY STARTED GAINING INCREDIBLE POWER!!
IT'S HERE, SOMEWHERE UNDER-GROUND! JUST IGNORE THIS GUY! WE GOTTA GO, NOW!

SH... SHADOW LADY? PLEASE!

she has come! come to steal me!! she is close!
FEEK
FEEK
AIEE!!
WHERE ARE THE POLICE?! THEY PROMISED TO PROTECT ME!!
FEEK
FEEK
it is over for thee now.
thou wilt not be able to make more money, and all thou hast here will be lost.
FEEK
FEEK
NO... NO!!
spik
gcch
NOOO!!
THIS MONEY IS MINE! MINE!! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!! IT CAN'T!!

WOW!! THE DETECTOR'S ACTUALLY OVER-HEATING!!
b-beep
I'M JUST GONNA HAVE TO LEAVE AIMI BEHIND!!
fzzzk
I HAVE TO SEAL THAT STONE!!
KWISH!
YOU KNOW... JUST ONCE, I WANTED TO HAVE IT OUT WITH YOU.
WHAT IS YOUR REAL PURPOSE?
I DON'T HAVE A "REAL PUR-POSE" ...!!
WISH WISH
YOU'RE LYING.

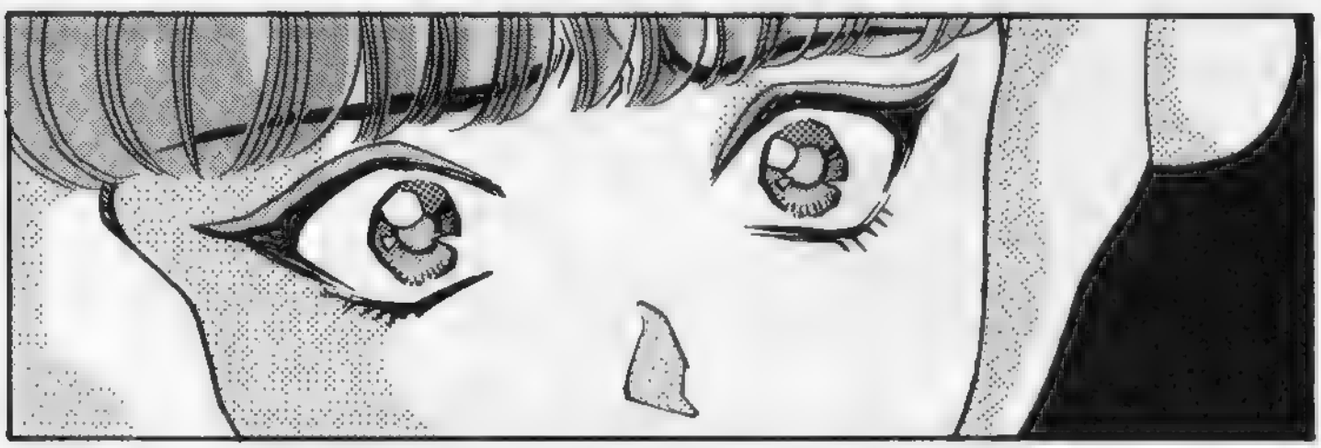
!!
HAH! EVEN IF I TOLD YOU, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME ANYWAY!!
KNIT
I WANT TO BELIEVE YOU.
BUT YOU'VE GOT TOO MANY SECRETS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!
WHSTH
THAP

SKSSH
!
KYAAA!!
WHSSH

WHOOSH
KWRAM
UMPH!
WHIP
THAP
?!
LOOK... I... I JUST DON'T WANT...
...I DON'T WANT YOU TO COMMIT ANY MORE CRIMES. THAT'S ALL.

BECAUSE... I LOVE YOU.
TH... THAT AGAIN ...?
DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP!!
WHISSH
THAP

NOT AS SHADOW LADY. AS AN ORDINARY WOMAN.



SHSSS

OH?
AHH!
BLAP
I AM GOING TO STOP YOU... NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!
FLASH
OH, NO!! MY SHADOW!!
SHOW ME YOUR REAL FACE. RETURN TO YOUR REAL SELF.
BLAZZZ

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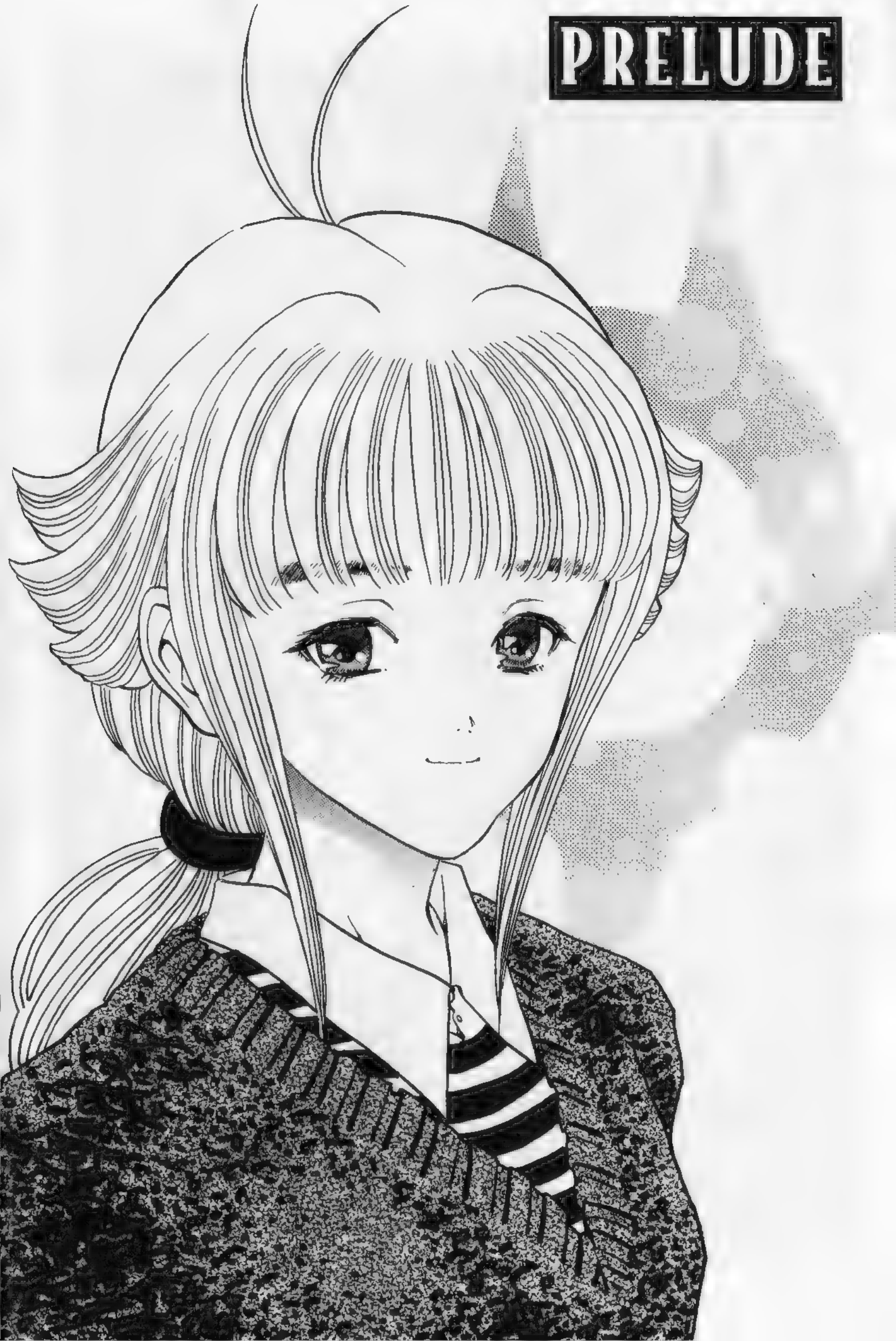
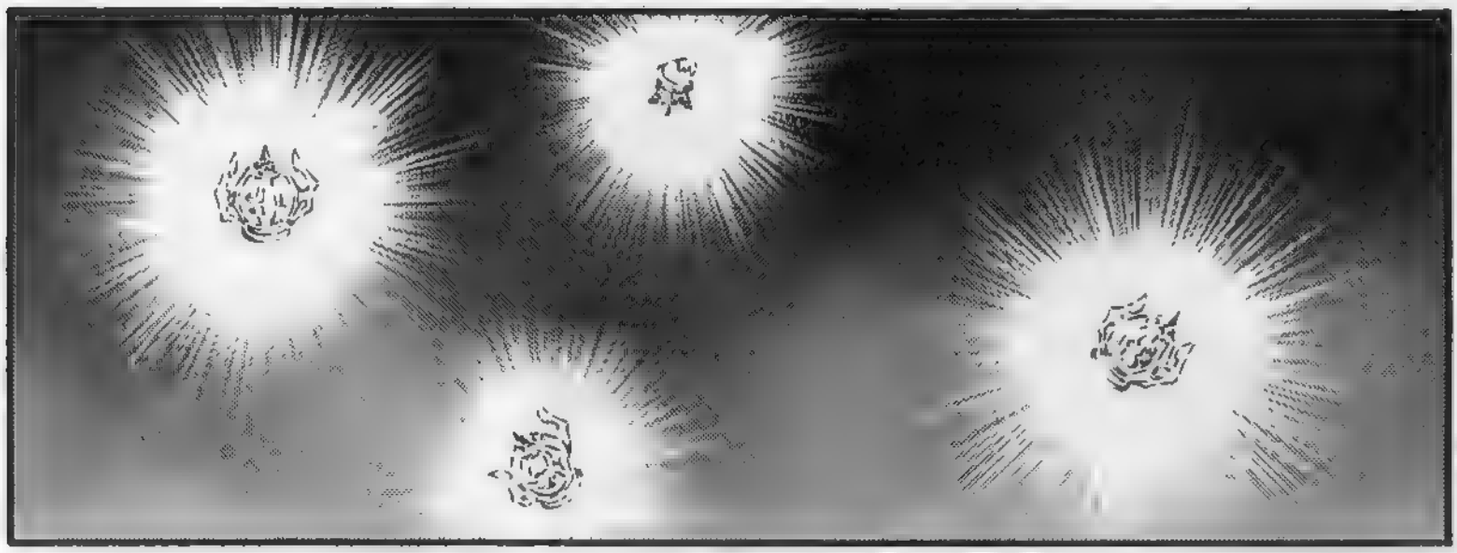


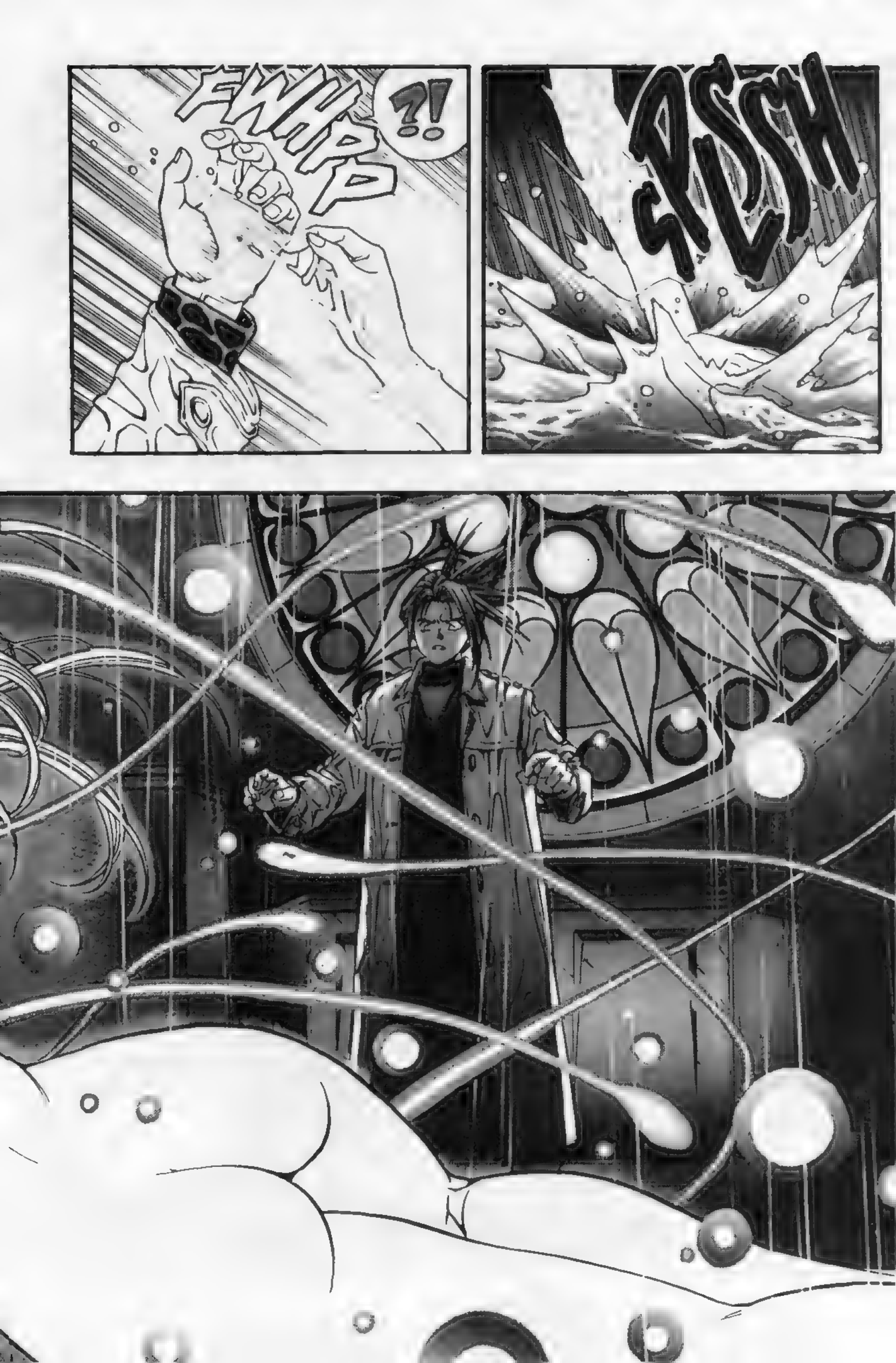
SKRASSHH

FWHHSSHHN



KNEEL

SSSHHHH
AHHGH!
AIMI'S MAGIC EYE SHADOW IS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO WATER. WORSE, THE UNSTABLE MOLECULES OF HER COSTUME REACT VIOLENTLY WITH H_2O, INFLICTING TREMENDOUS PAIN.


FWHP
?!
SLSH

FLEX
FLEX
FLEX
HER CLOTHES ARE REGEN-ERATING!!
!!!
...!
SOON... I'LL KNOW HER TRUE IDENTITY!
SHOULD ANYONE FIND OUT ABOUT THE SECRET IDENTITY OF SHADOW LADY...
...YOU WILL FOLLOW DE-MO IN DEATH!
IT'S OVER.
EVERY-THING'S OVER. FOREVER!

WHAM
KOOM
KHOOM
RM
AH
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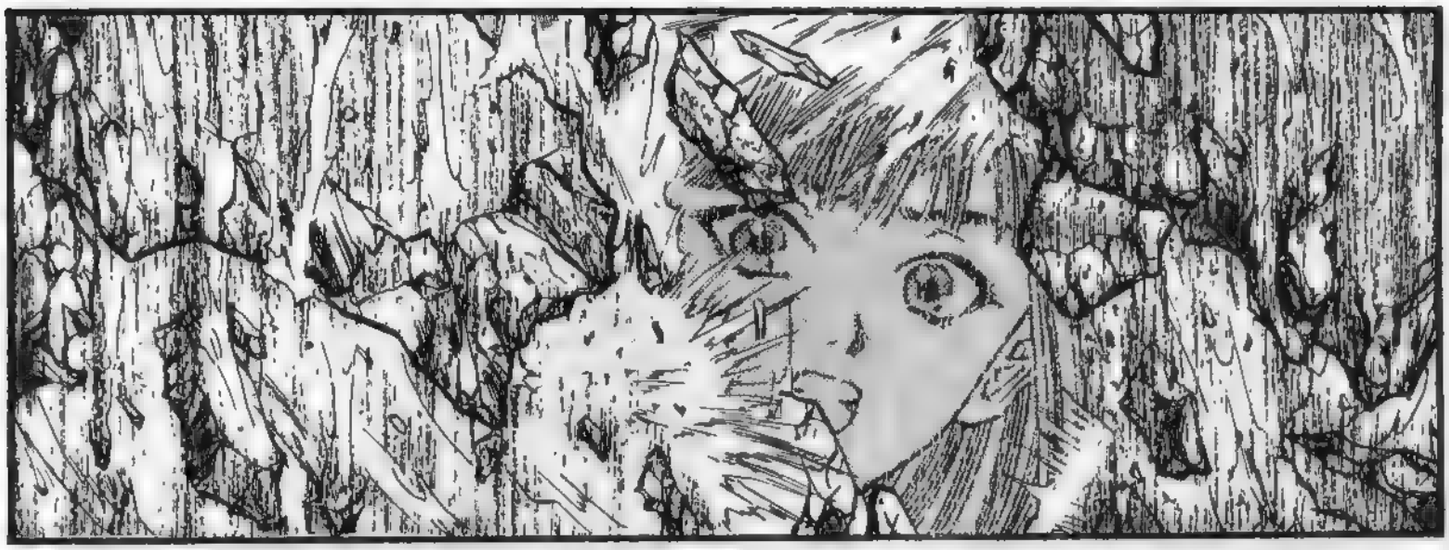

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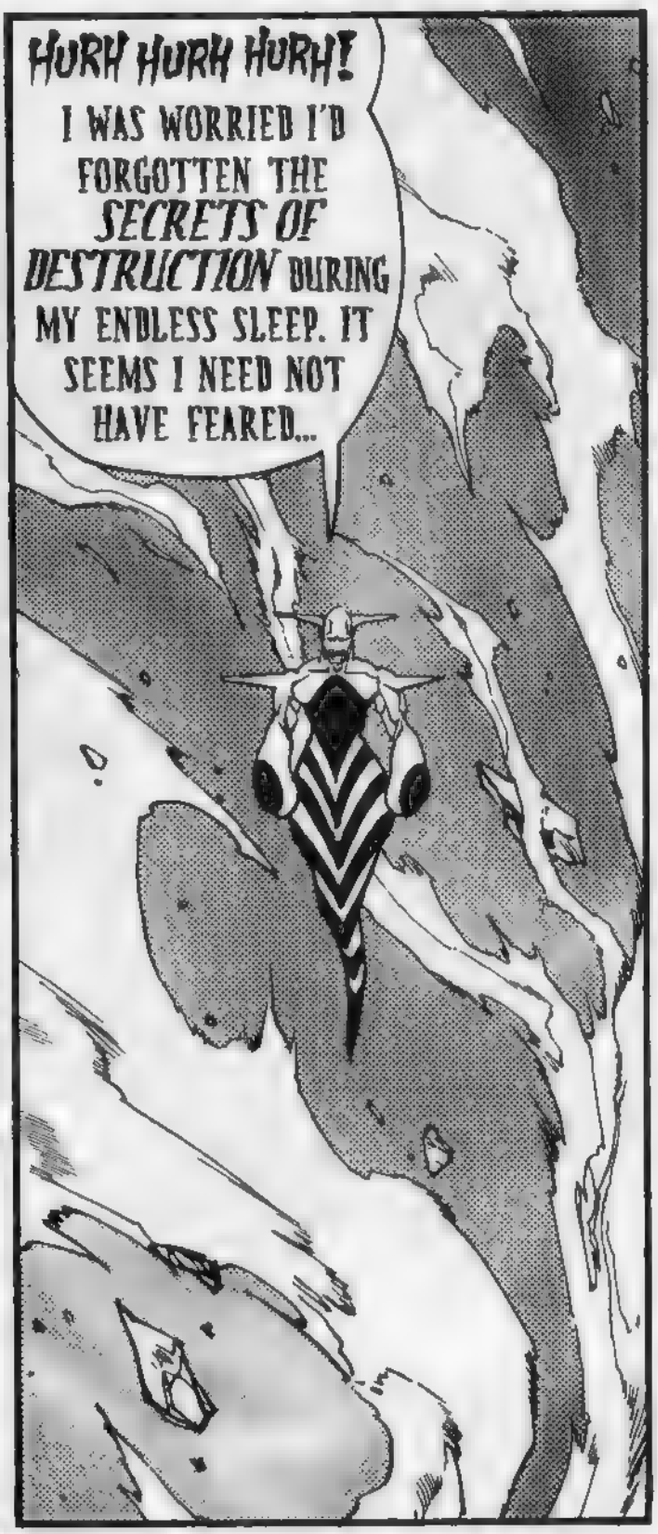
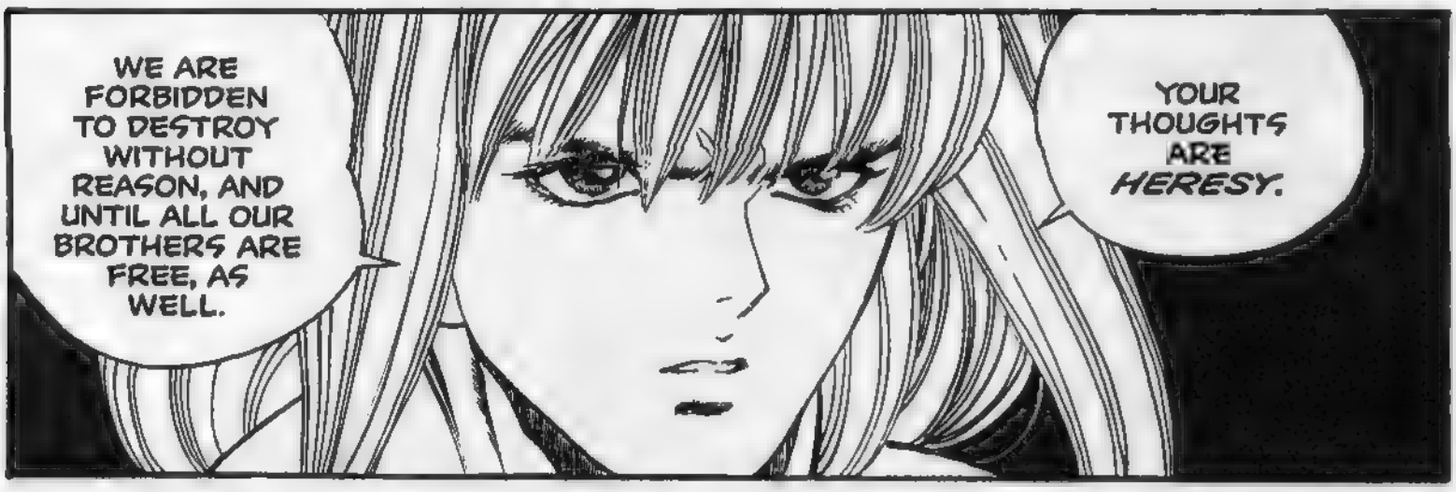

HURH HURH HURH!
I WAS WORRIED I'D FORGOTTEN THE SECRETS OF DESTRUCTION DURING MY ENDLESS SLEEP. IT SEEMS I NEED NOT HAVE FEARED...

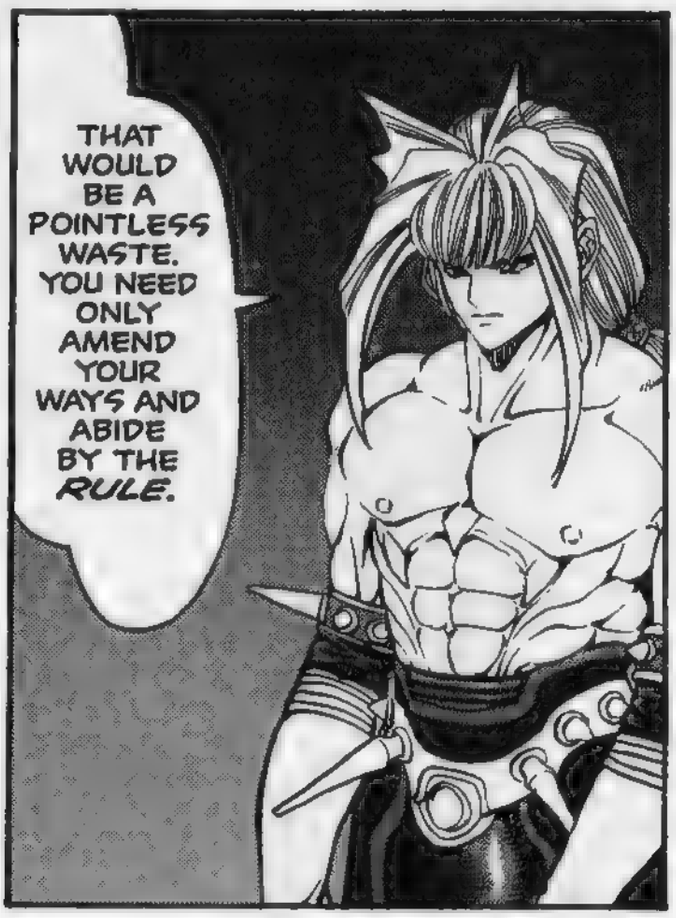
SO... THIS IS THE DIMENSION OF THE HUMANS? THERE IS MUCH OF BEAUTY HERE. IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO DESTROY IT ALL.

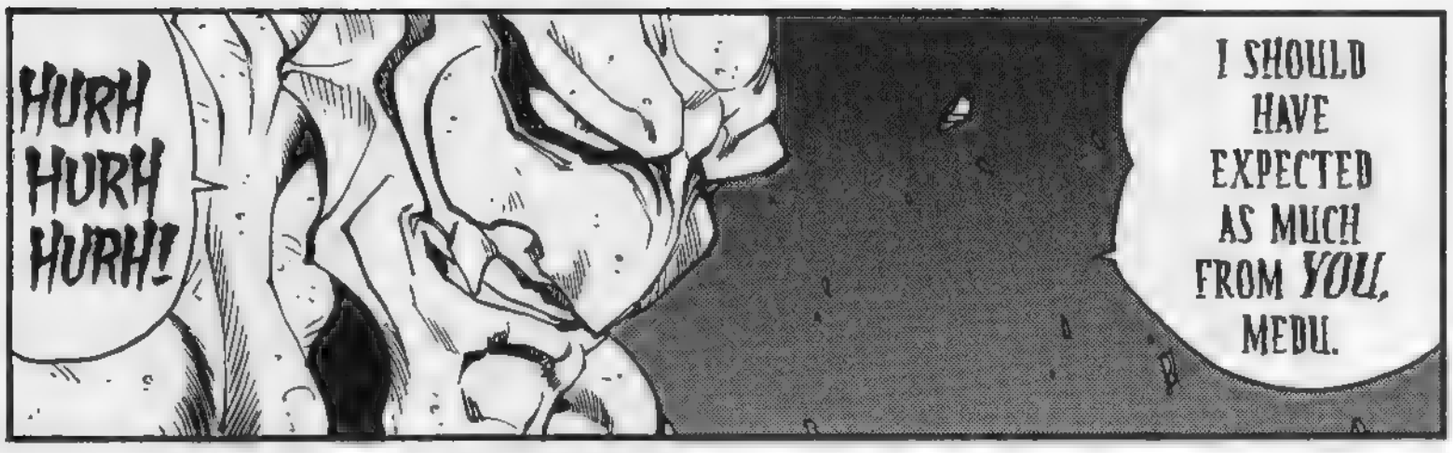
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, ZERA? OUR COMRADES HAVE NOT YET AWAKENED. IT IS NOT YET TIME.
AH, MEDU. IT'S YOU, IS IT?

WE'RE AWAKE AT LAST, AFTER UNCOUNTABLE AGES, MEDU. WE WOULD BE FOOLS NOT TO *ENJOY* IT. *I* SHALL DO AS I PLEASE.
NO, ZERA. YOU SHALL NOT. PERHAPS IT IS *YOU* WHO HAVE BEEN CONTAMINATED BY THE GREED AND EVIL OF THESE HUMANS...?


WE ARE FORBIDDEN TO DESTROY WITHOUT REASON, AND UNTIL ALL OUR BROTHERS ARE FREE, AS WELL.
YOUR THOUGHTS ARE *HERESY.*

HRRN. WE NEVER DID GET ALONG, DID WE, MEDU? WELL, LET ME WARN YOU JUST THIS ONCE.
I *SHALL* DO AS I PLEASE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY. IF YOU WANT TO STOP ME, YOU'LL HAVE TO *ASSIMILATE ME.*


THAT WOULD BE A POINTLESS WASTE. YOU NEED ONLY AMEND YOUR WAYS AND ABIDE BY THE *RULE.*


HURH HURH HURH!
I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED AS MUCH FROM YOU, MEDU.

THEN IT IS I WHO SHALL ASSIMILATE YOU!
!!
SURRR

SHADOW LADY... THERE IS... TROUBLE...

THE STRONGEST OF MY COMRADES HAS VIOLATED THE STRICTURES OF **THE RULE.**

HE HAS **ASSIMILATED** ME.

FOUR OTHER ARCH-DEMONS HAVE ALSO BEEN **ASSIMILATED** FROM WITHIN THE DEMON STONES.

IF HE IS NOT STOPPED, THE **FINAL DESTRUCTION** SHALL BEGIN...

YOUR CARELESSNESS HAS PERMITTED THE WORST OF ALL DEMONS TO AWAKEN. **MAKE HASTE!** HE SEEKS TO CONCENTRATE ENOUGH HUMAN GREED AND EVIL IN HIS SPIRIT TO AWAKEN AND FREE THE FINAL ARCH-DEMON.

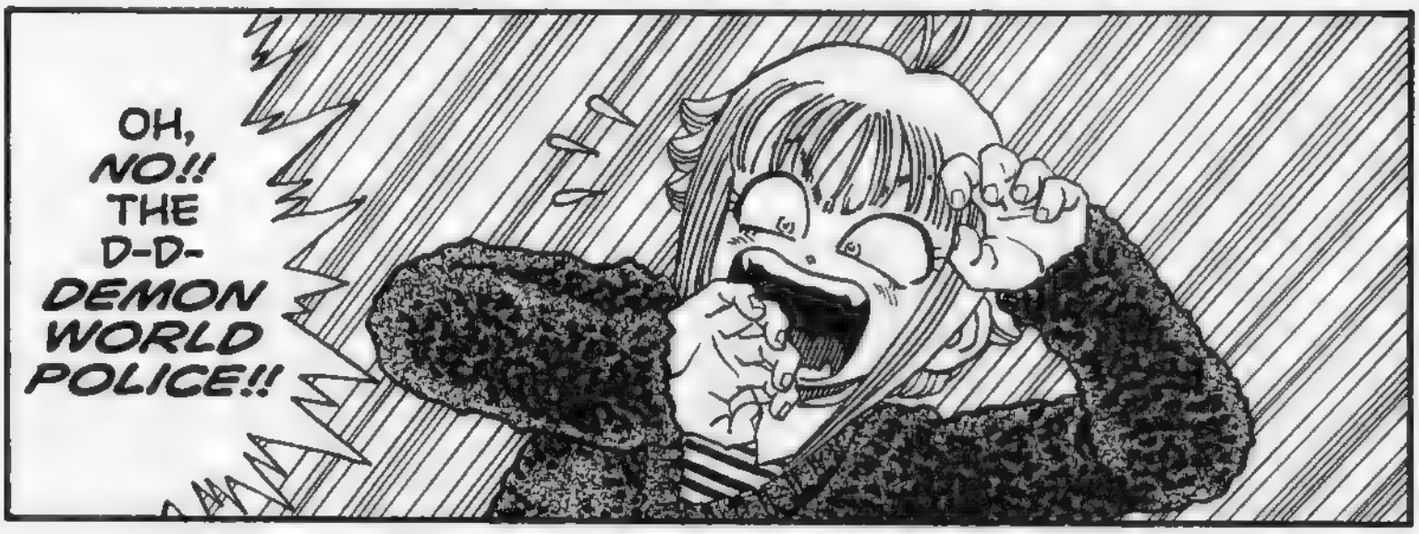
YOU MUST SEAL THE DEMON STONE HE CARRIES WITHIN HIM WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME!

DOST THOU HEAR ME, SHADOW LADY ...?

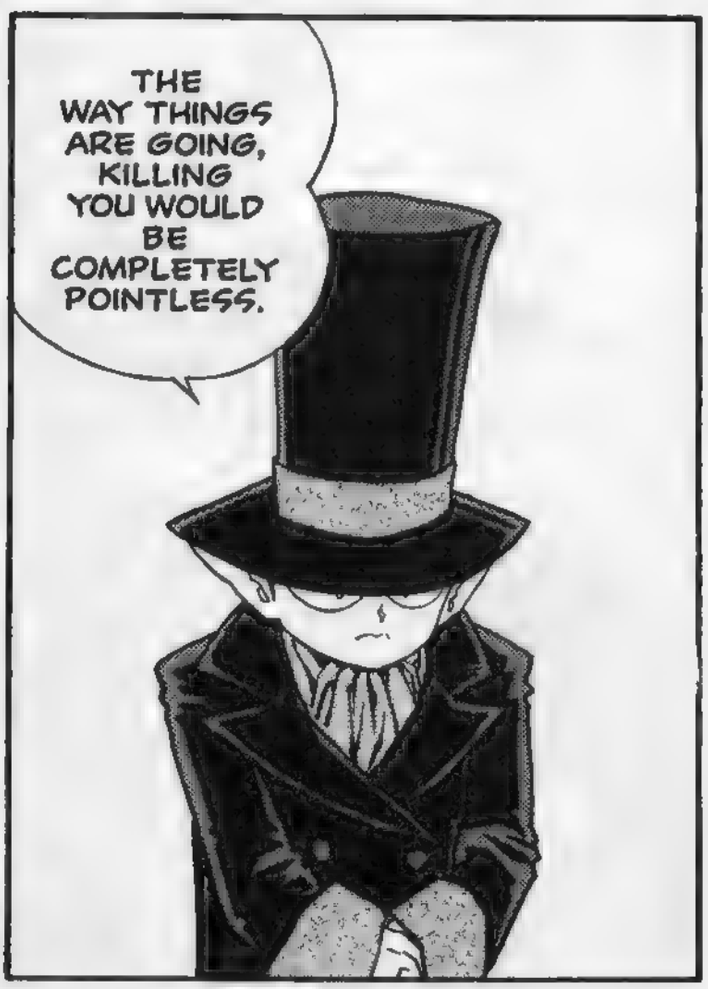
AIMI!!

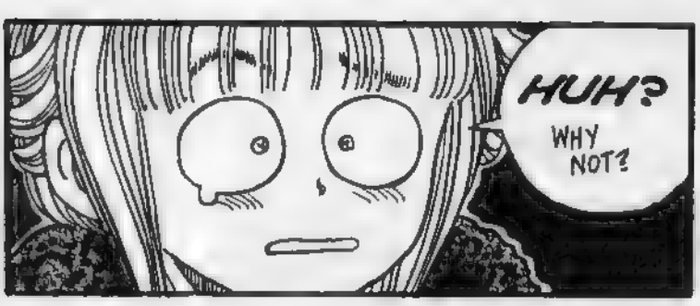
THANK MEDU! YOU'RE AWAKE!
YAHOO!
HUH? DEMO?
AH?!
WHERE'S BRIGHT ?!
heh, heh...
HE'S OVER THERE CATCHING UP ON HIS BEAUTY SLEEP. DON'T WORRY-- I DIDN'T HURT HIM!
MUCH...
WHEWW!
THANK GOD!

BLEW IT BIG TIME, DIDN'T YOU?
GLEEP!


OH, NO!! THE D-D- DEMON WORLD POLICE!!

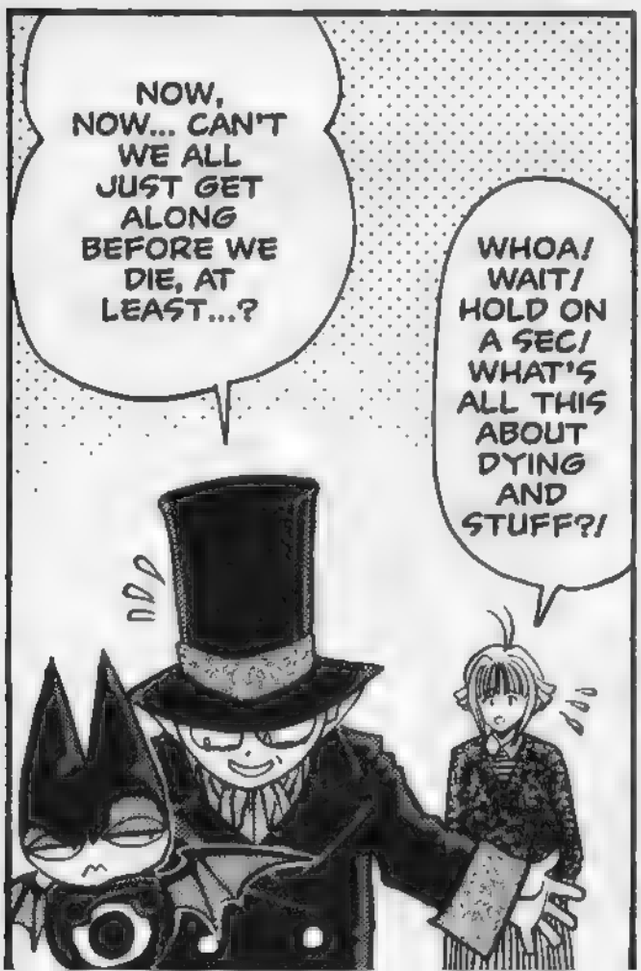
WAIT! WAIT! P-P- PLEASE DON'T KILL US YET!! LET ME... or... EXPLAIN...
DON'T WORRY. WE'RE NOT HERE TO TERMINATE YOU.


THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, KILLING YOU WOULD BE COMPLETELY POINTLESS.


HUH?
WHY NOT?

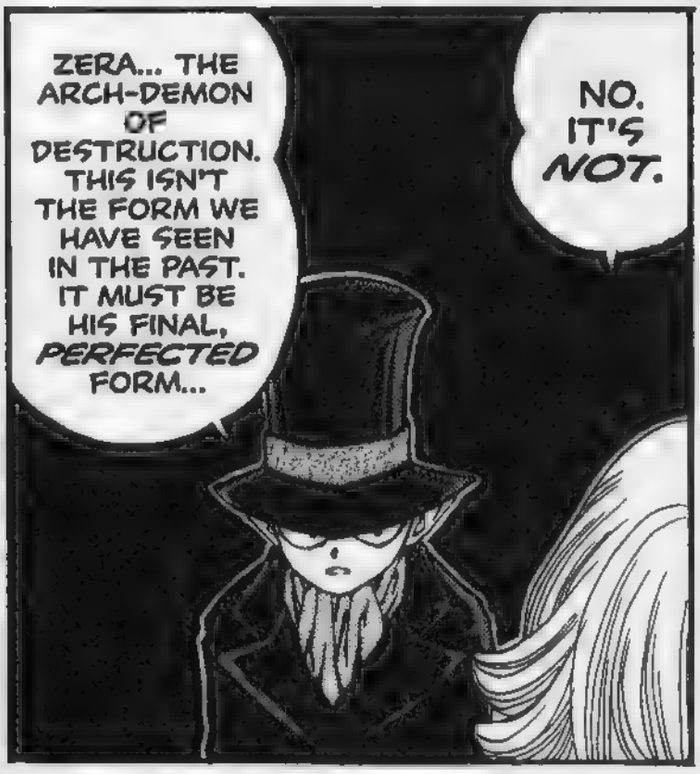
AFTER ALL... YOU, ME, EVERYONE... WE'RE *ALL* GOING TO DIE.
"EVERY-ONE" ...?

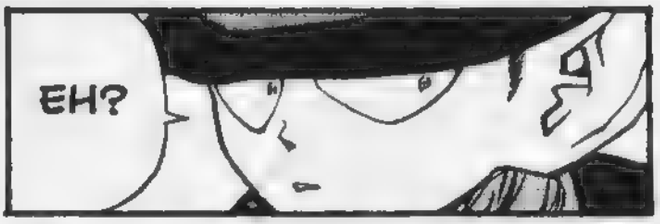
HAH! I KNEW THESE GUYS WERE HIDING SOMETHING!!! ACTING LIKE THEY DIDN'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU HUMANS...
HO HO!
=koff=
WELL, IT TURNS OUT THAT IF *YOUR* WORLD GETS DESTROYED, OUR DEMON WORLD *GOES WITH IT!*


NOW, NOW... CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG BEFORE WE DIE, AT LEAST...?
WHOA! WAIT! HOLD ON A SEC! WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT DYING AND STUFF?!

BEHOLD!
...?
....
...!

OH, NO!!
SKRAK


ZERA... THE ARCH-DEMON OF DESTRUCTION. THIS ISN'T THE FORM WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST. IT MUST BE HIS FINAL, PERFECTED FORM...
NO. IT'S NOT.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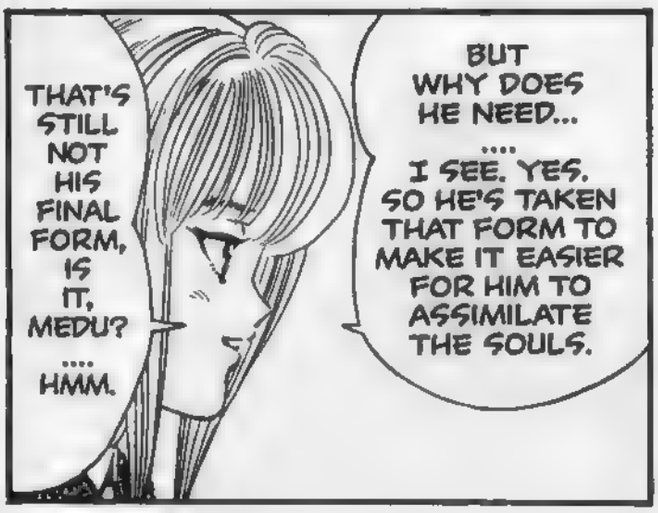
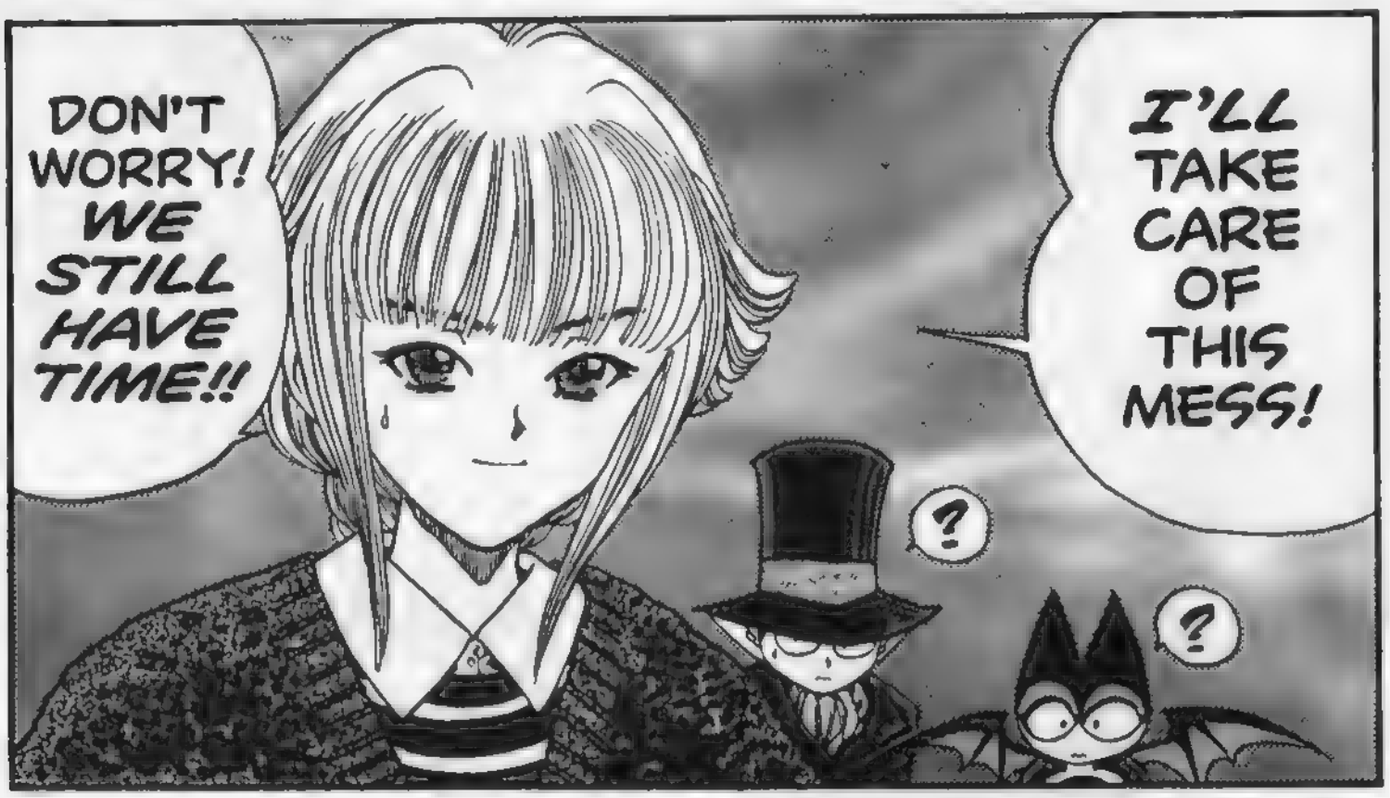

BUT WHY DOES HE NEED... .... I SEE. YES. SO HE'S TAKEN THAT FORM TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR HIM TO ASSIMILATE THE SOULS.
THAT'S STILL NOT HIS FINAL FORM, IS IT, MEDU? .... HMM.

KRAKOOM
IT'S THAT BASTARD ZERA! HE'S ASSIMILATING THE PEOPLE IN EACH BUILDING HE DESTROYS-- AND THEN USING THE ENERGY OF THEIR GREED AND EVIL TO TRANSFORM HIMSELF INTO... THAT!



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IT'S UP TO ME-- I MEAN, SHADOW LADY-- TO CLEAN UP THIS MESS!

WELL, YEAH, BUT...
I DON'T THINK THAT'S GONNA BE POSSIBLE.

C'MON, DE-MO! IT'S NO PROB--
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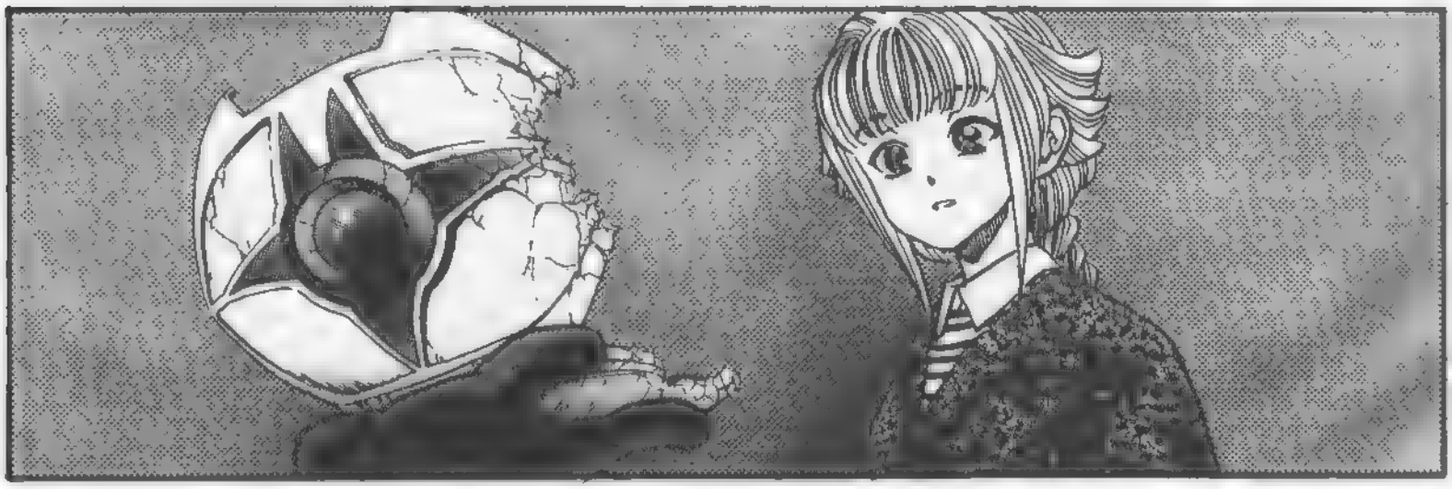
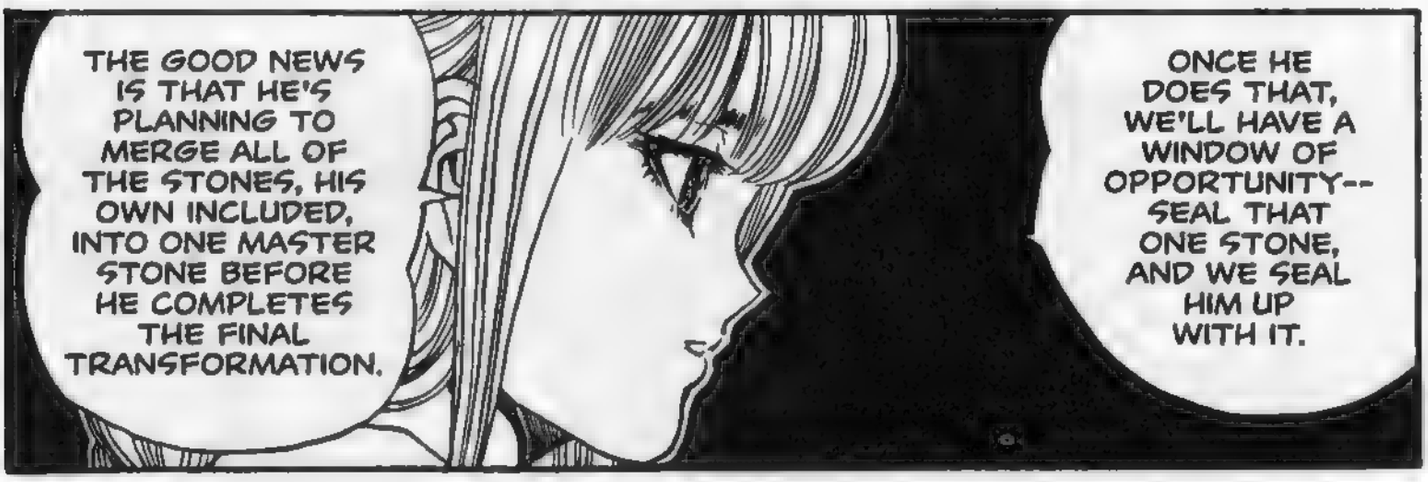


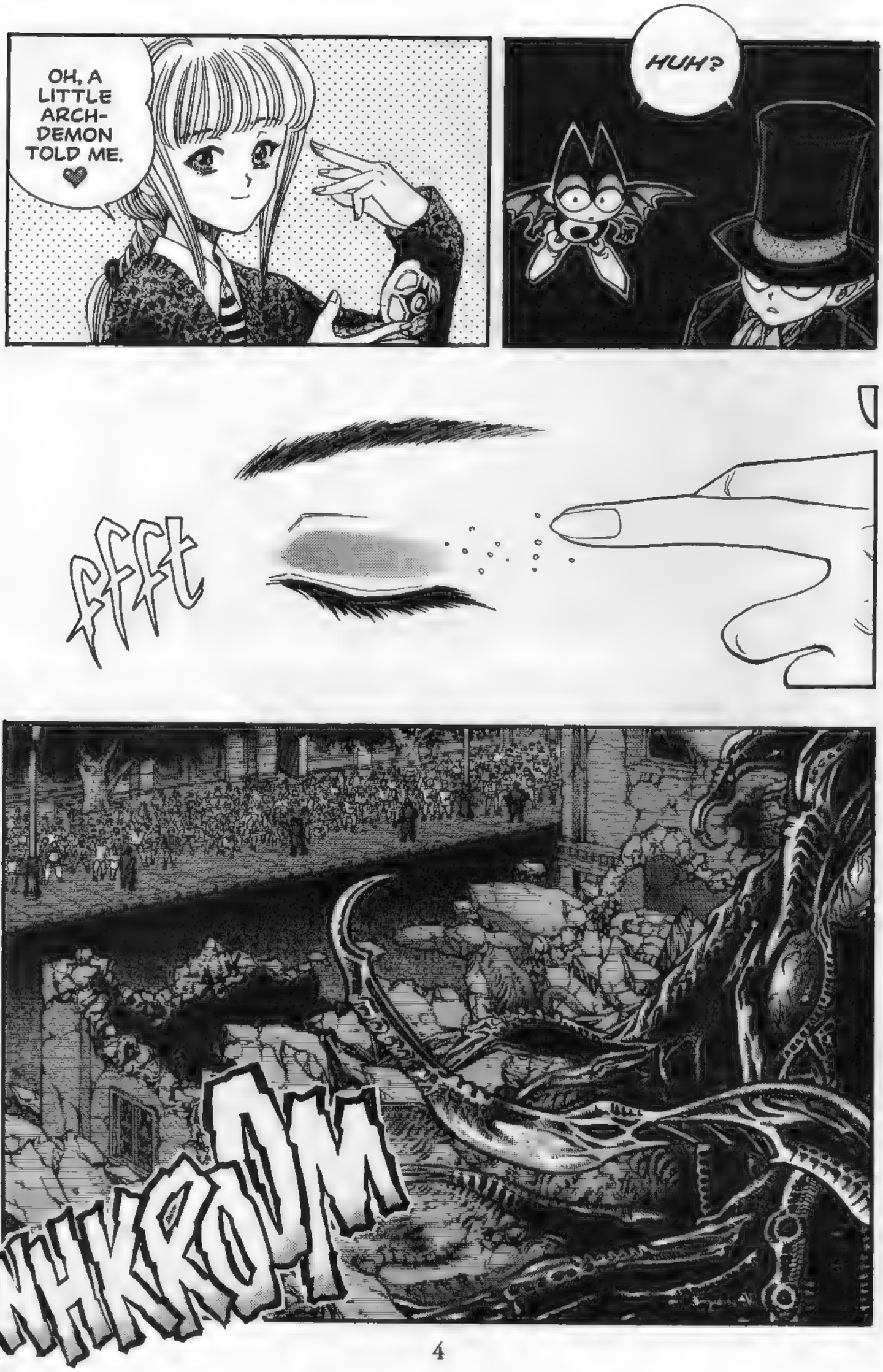
I'M SORRY, AIMI. IT GOT SMASHED UNDER THE RUBBLE... IT'S TOTALLY RUINED.
NO... WE'LL BE OKAY. THE EXPERT CHANGE COLORS MAY BE GONE...
...BUT THERE'S STILL A SMIDGEN OF MIDNIGHT BLACK.
SO YOU CAN BECOME SHADOW LADY ONE MORE TIME! BIG DEAL! WHAT CAN SHE DO NOW?
?

RIGHT NOW, THE ARCH-DEMON ZERA IS TRYING TO ABSORB ENOUGH HUMAN GREED TO TRANSFORM INTO THE DEMON OF FINAL DESTRUCTION.
HE NEEDS TO AWAKEN THE LAST THREE ARCH-DEMONS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

SINCE HE HASN'T CHANGED, THAT MEANS THE DEMON STONES STILL EXIST...
...AND HE MUST HAVE THEM.


THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT HE'S PLANNING TO MERGE ALL OF THE STONES, HIS OWN INCLUDED, INTO ONE MASTER STONE BEFORE HE COMPLETES THE FINAL TRANSFORMATION.
ONCE HE DOES THAT, WE'LL HAVE A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY-- SEAL THAT ONE STONE, AND WE SEAL HIM UP WITH IT.

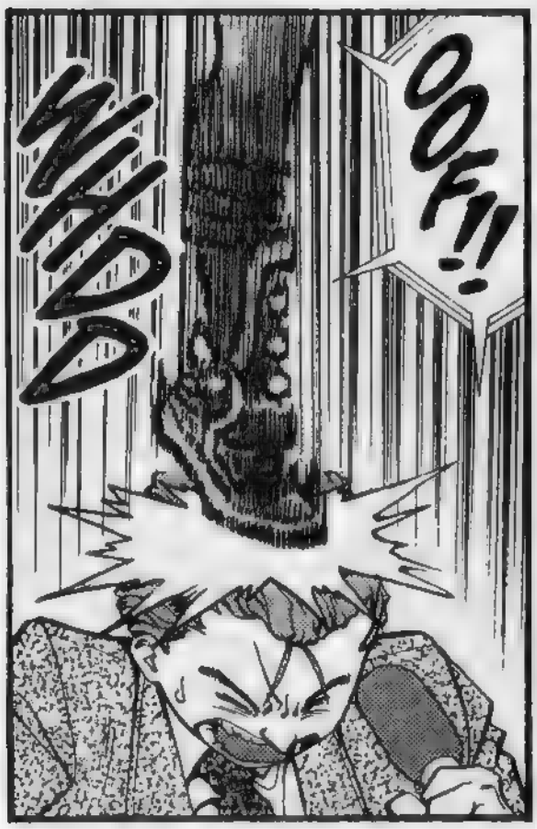
UH... JUST HOW THE HECK DO YOU KNOW THIS STUFF, AIMI?


OH, A LITTLE ARCH-DEMON TOLD ME.
HUH?
fff
WHKROOM

EVERY-ONE, PLEASE GO HOME!
JUST GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE YOU GET HURT!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE DESTRUCTION HERE AT CITY CENTER IS LIKE A SCENE OUT OF HELL, COMPLETE WITH THE DEVIL HIMSELF IN THE FORM OF A HIDEOUS MONSTER!
IS THERE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS NIGHTMARE AND THE RECENT SERIES OF SHADOW LADY ATTACKS?! IS THE MONSTER--

BONK
BONK
BONK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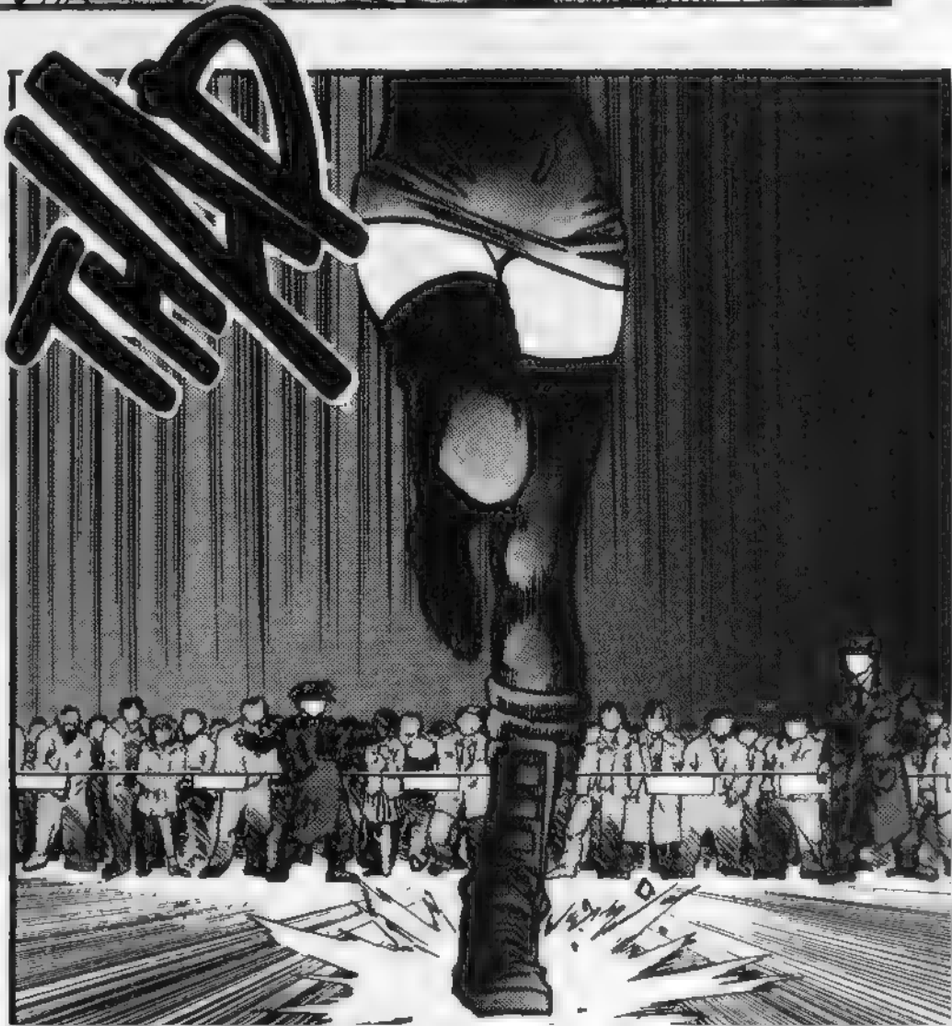
THUD

OH, WOW...
IT'S EVEN BIGGER THAN I THOUGHT...
IT'S... IT'S SHADOW LADY!!
SO IT IS YOUR FAULT !!
GET HER! KILL!
MURDERER!! FIEND!! LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO OUR CITY!!
KILL THE BITCH!
=ulp=

SHUT YOUR YAPS!
I'M ABOUT TO PULL OFF THE HEIST OF THE CENTURY, SO SHUT THE HELL UP AND WATCH!!

NOW, WHERE TO BEGIN...
NO, FORGET IT! THERE'S NO TIME TO THINK THIS THROUGH--
JUST GO FOR IT!!
ENTER!

WITH THOSE INSCRUTABLE WORDS, SHADOW LADY IS RUNNING STRAIGHT AT THE MONSTER! WHAT ON EARTH IS SHE PLANNING?
IS THE MONSTER HER ACCOMPLICE?
DUH... SHE SAID SOMETHIN' 'BOUT DA "HEIST OF DA CENTURY." WHAT'S "HEIST" MEAN, JOE?
IT MEANS "STEAL," YOU IDIOT! SHE MUST BE PLANNING TO STEAL EVERYTHING IN THE WHOLE CITY!
HEY! YOU STUPID COPS! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?! GET OFF YOUR BUTTS AND ARREST HER!!
YOU'RE NOT GONNA LET HER STEAL EVERYTHING, ARE YA?!
EVERYBODY CALM DOWN! JUST CALM DOWN!!
SEEMS LIKE YOUR PRECIOUS SHADOW LADY IS SEEN AS QUITE THE VILLAIN, DE-MO.
DON'T LISTEN TO THOSE STUPID HUMANS! THEY DON'T KNOW NOTHING!
KILL! GET HER! KILL!
GEEZ, THIS IS A SNAP-- IT'S NOT EVEN FIGHTING BACK! I'LL BE AT THE TOP IN A FEW MORE SECONDS!
FWKIRP

?!
THP
GLRPP
GLPP
OOH, YEAH! NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
TURNS ME ON!

CAT BURGLARY'S NO FUN UNLESS YOU GET TO TAKE OUT THE ALARM SYSTEM!
HNGH
FRAK
KCH
KREE!
KEE!
GLP
SLBB
CHIK CHIK
RMMBB RMMBB RMBB

THANK GOD-- THE ARMY'S HERE!!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
THEY APPEAR TO BE PREPARING A HELICOPTER ASSAULT ON SHADOW LADY!!
KILL HER!! KILL SHADOW LADY!!
KILL HER!! KILL HER!!
KILL HER!!
KILL HER KILL HER---
DA-DOO WOP-WOP!
A FASCINATING STUDY IN POPULAR DELUSIONS AND THE MADNESS OF CROWDS.
THEY DON'T SEEM TO REALIZE THEY'RE ALL ABOUT TO DIE.
GRRR!
KILL HER! KILL HER!!
HEH HEH HEH... IT SEEMS THE HUMAN CREATURES ALSO DESIRE YOUR DEATH, SHADOW LADY!

AH...
KILL HER!!
KILL HER!!
I CAN'T STAND IT NO MORE!!!
AH?!
SHUT--
UP!!
?!
HUH? HEY!
WHAT THE HELL ?!

hahh
hahh
hff
hahn
SWIP
hahh
hahh
YOU COULD USE YOUR POWERS TO RULE THESE HUMANS, AND YET YOU CHOOSE TO THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY FOR THEM...?
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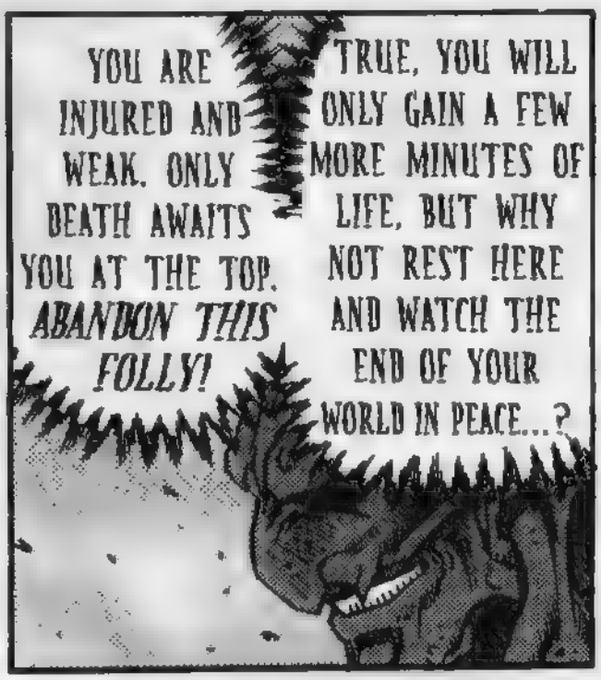
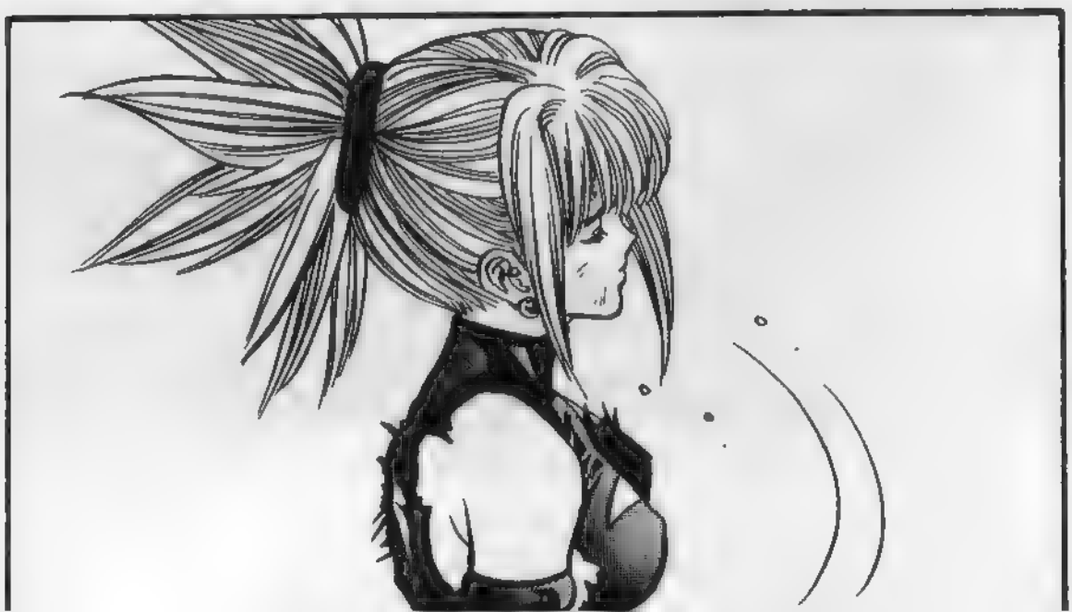
SRGG

YOU TRULY THINK THOSE PATHETIC CREATURES ARE *WORTH* THROWING AWAY YOUR LIFE...?
RMBBB
RMMBBB

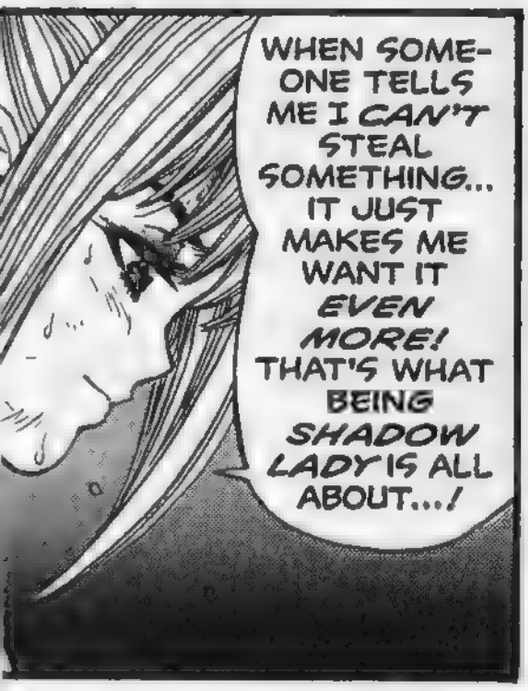

YOU ARE INJURED AND WEAK. ONLY DEATH AWAITS YOU AT THE TOP. *ABANDON THIS FOLLY!*
TRUE, YOU WILL ONLY GAIN A FEW MORE MINUTES OF LIFE, BUT WHY NOT REST HERE AND WATCH THE END OF YOUR WORLD IN PEACE...?



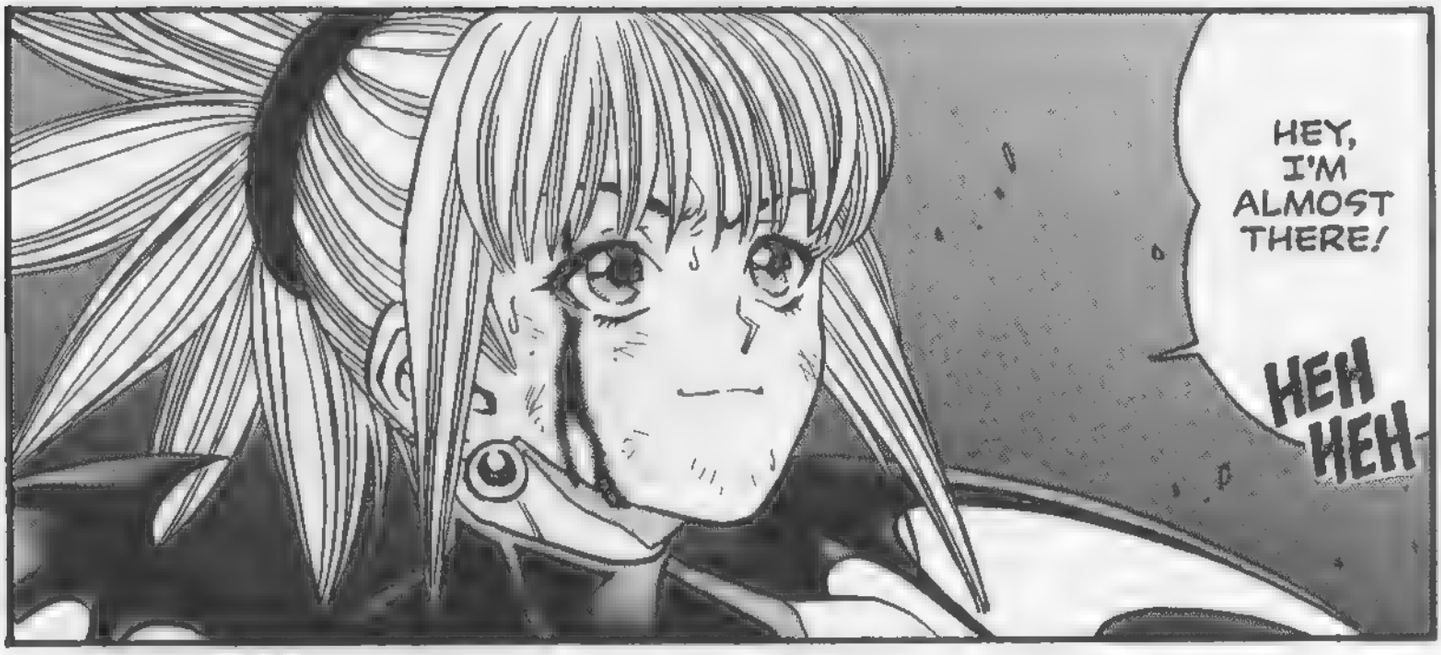
HEY, I HATE TO SPOIL YOUR LITTLE FANTASY, BUD...

...BUT I AIN'T NO GOODY TWO-SHOES, AND I AIN'T "THROWING AWAY MY LIFE" FOR NOBODY!!

hahh
hff


WHEN SOME-ONE TELLS ME I CAN'T STEAL SOMETHING... IT JUST MAKES ME WANT IT EVEN MORE! THAT'S WHAT BEING SHADOW LADY IS ALL ABOUT...!

WHKRO OOM



JEWELRY
MEANWHILE, GRAY CITY WAS IN CHAOS! BATTERED BY THE WAVES OF POWER RADIATING FROM THE COMBINED DEMON STONES...
...THOSE WHO COULD NOT RESIST THE SIREN SONG OF EVIL WERE RUNNING AMOK WITH GREED.

NEXT: "RESURRECTION"...!

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SORRY, HQ! SOME SORT OF ENERGY BARRIER IS KEEPING US FROM GETTING ANY CLOSER!!
FZZKK
KRAK
DAMN IT!!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP

WE CAN'T EVEN SEE WHAT THAT BLASTED SHADOW LADY IS DOING!

=HFF=
=WHEWW=

HONEY, I'M HOME !!
TA-DA-DAH!
RESURRECTION

HEH. VERY IMPRESSIVE. BUT I'M AFRAID YOUR EFFORT WAS IN VAIN--IN LESS THAN A MINUTE, THE DEMON STONE WILL BE FULLY CHARGED.
VRNN
VRNN
VRNN

WHEWW... BOY, THAT WAS THE STAIR-MASTER FROM HELL!
THAT'S ALL THE TIME I NEED, PAL!
=haah=
NNGG!
HMPH! WHAT CAN YOU HOPE TO DO IN SUCH A WEAKENED AND PATHETIC STATE?
YOU MUST NOT READ THE PAPERS, BONE BOY. WHAT SHADOW LADY WANTS, SHADOW LADY GETS!!
HRRMMM... THEN YOU MUST REALLY WANT THIS DEMON STONE.
HEH...
PERHAPS I SHOULD GIVE IT TO YOU...?
CHOK

AUGHH!!
SKSSSHHH
EH? WHAT'S WRONG? YOU WANT THE STONE, DON'T YOU? I WAS KIND ENOUGH TO BRING YOU CLOSER. SO GO AHEAD! SEAL IT... IF YOU CAN!
HURH HURH HURH!! WELL, SHADOW LADY? IF YOU WANT IT, TAKE IT!!
GLCH
UNGH!
DAMN YOU, ZERA!
TICK.
TICK.
NGG...!
TICK.
ZAK!

SO MUCH FOR THAT. TIME'S UP, SHADOW LADY!
SLRPP
AND NOW, SINCE YOU SEEM TO HAVE NO OBJECTION, I BELIEVE I WILL TRANSFORM INTO THE DEMON OF FINAL DESTRUCTION! HURH HURH HURH!!
FRZZZAKKKK
SLRKK
OH, NO! HE'S CHANGING!
T-TOO LATE!!

WHUD

I CAN'T HOLD HIM FOR LONG!
GRRRRR
DO IT! NOW !!
!!

CURSE YOU, MEDU!!
WHS
SH

CHOK
CHOK
S-
SHADOW...
LADYYY
!!
NO!
NO!!
SLRCCH
A-
AIMI!
HURRY...
SLSH
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RRG!
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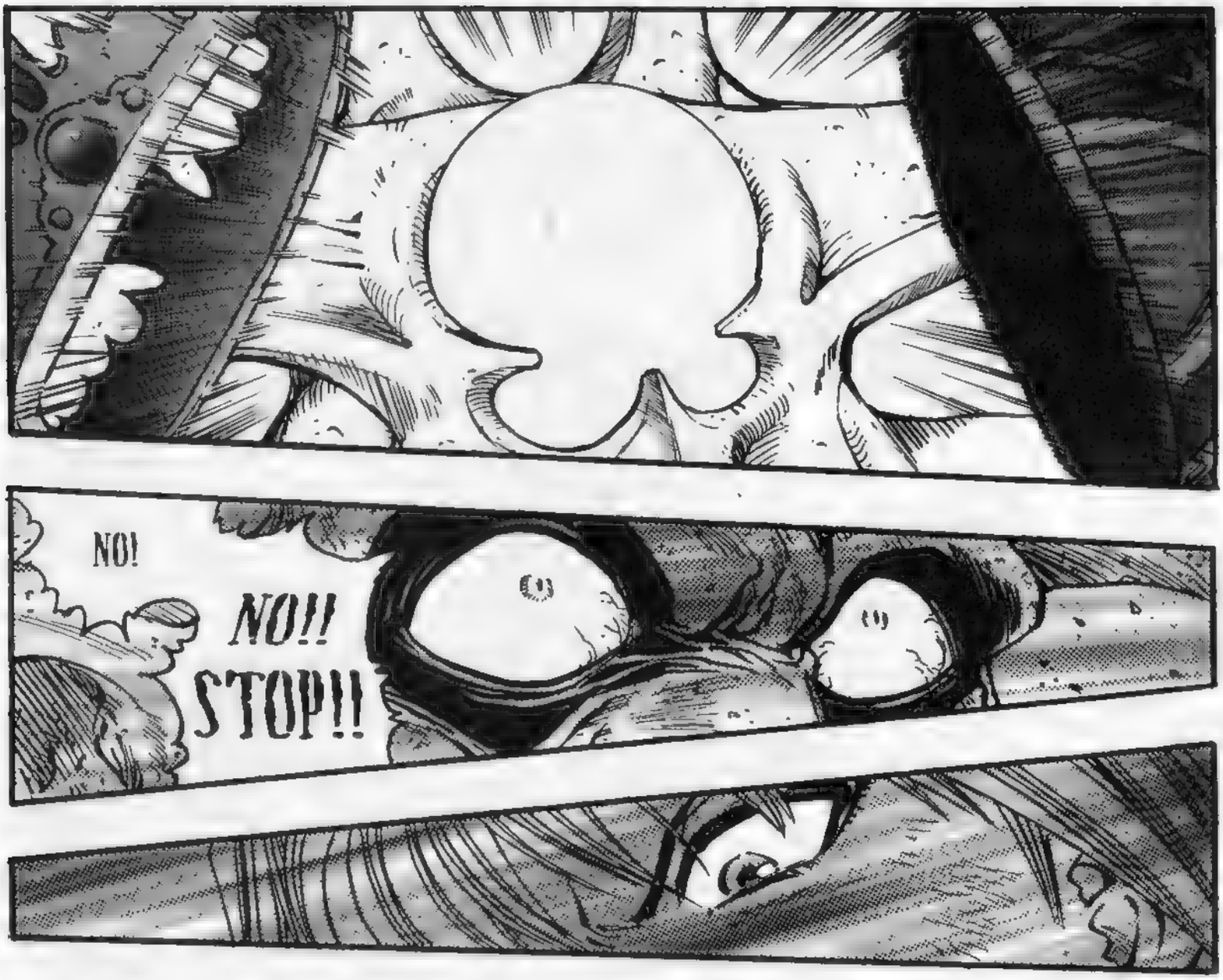
AHG!!


NO!
NO!!
STOP!!

=hahh=
=hff=
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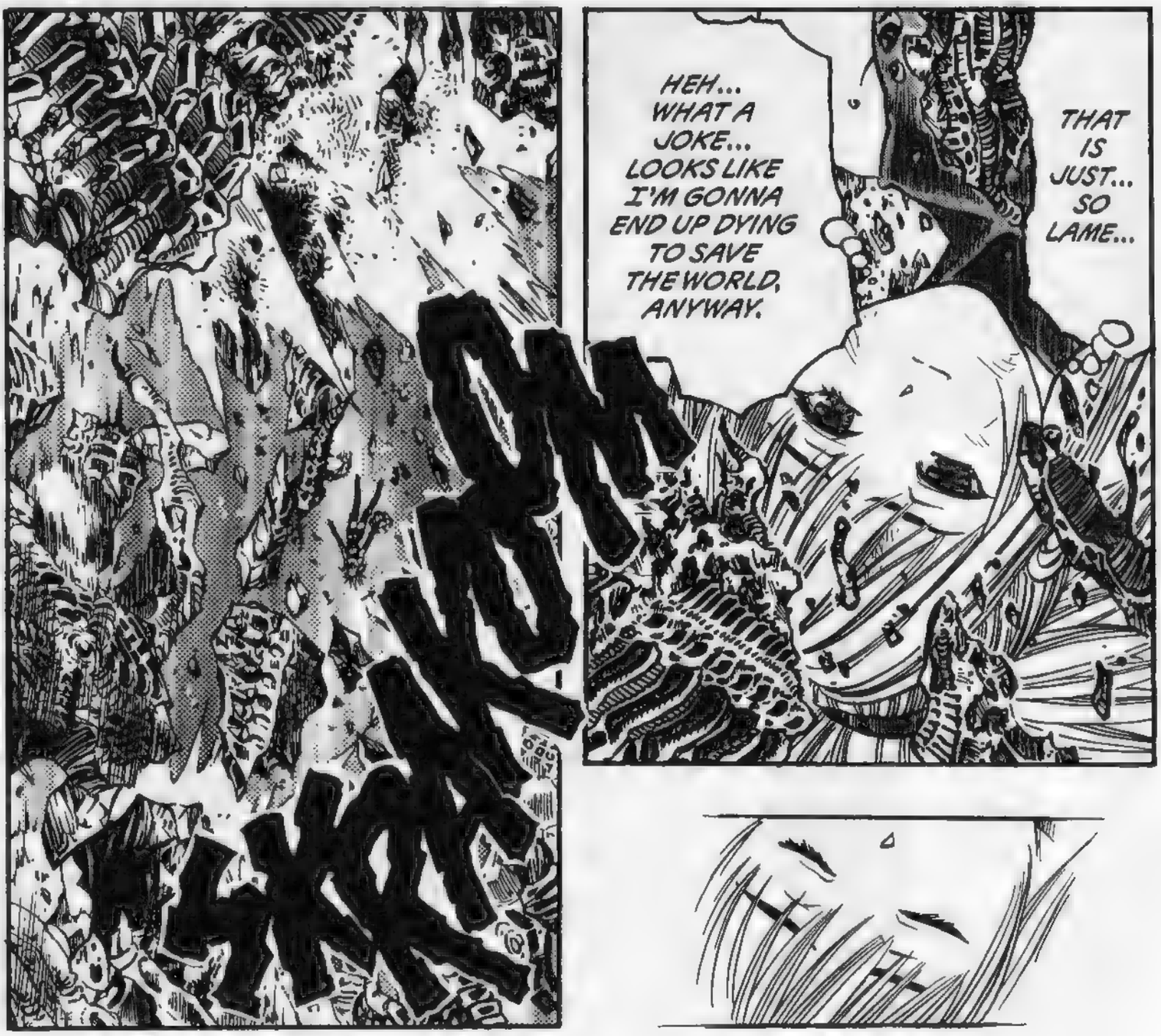
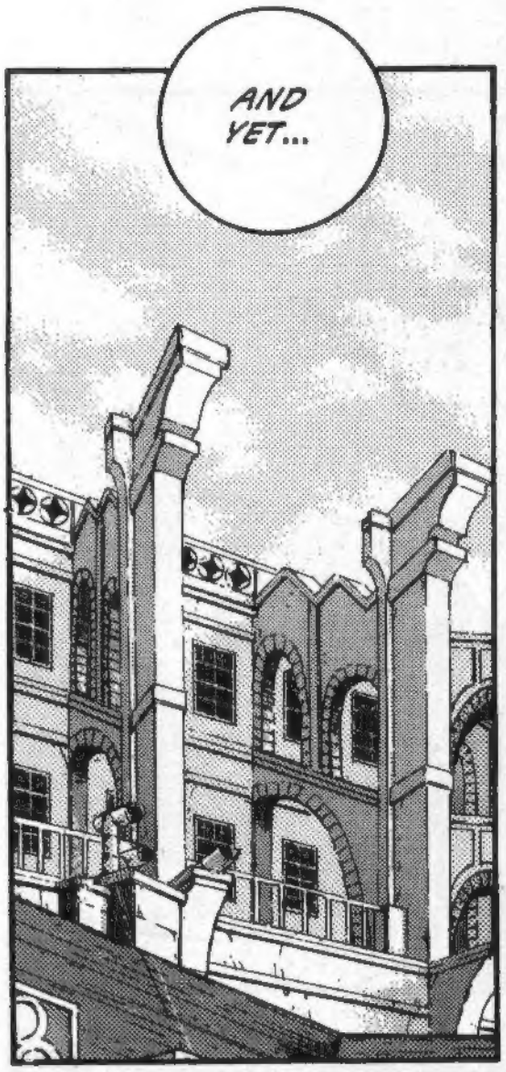
KOM
WK
RM
BBR
MBBBB
WHOA?! WHAT TH--?!
!
AIM!!!


HEH... WHAT A JOKE... LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA END UP DYING TO SAVE THE WORLD, ANYWAY.
THAT IS JUST... SO LAME...
BUT IF I MUST DIE...
...MIGHT AS WELL GO OUT AS A HERO...

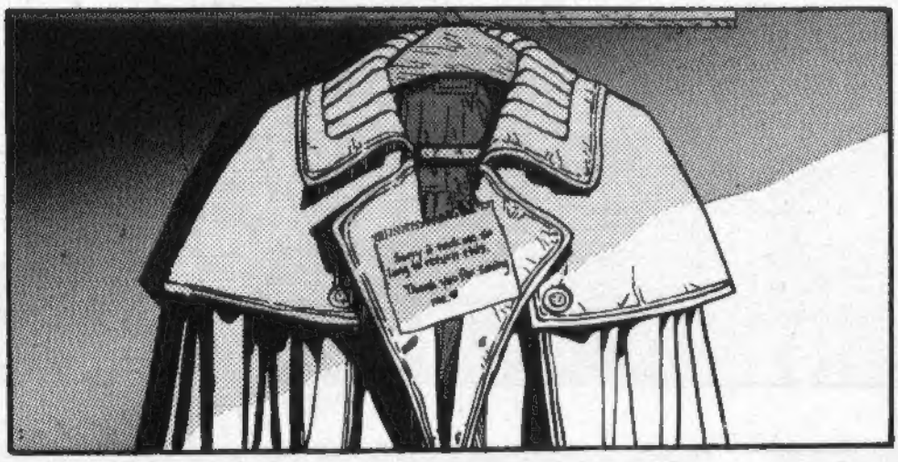
THAP
?!

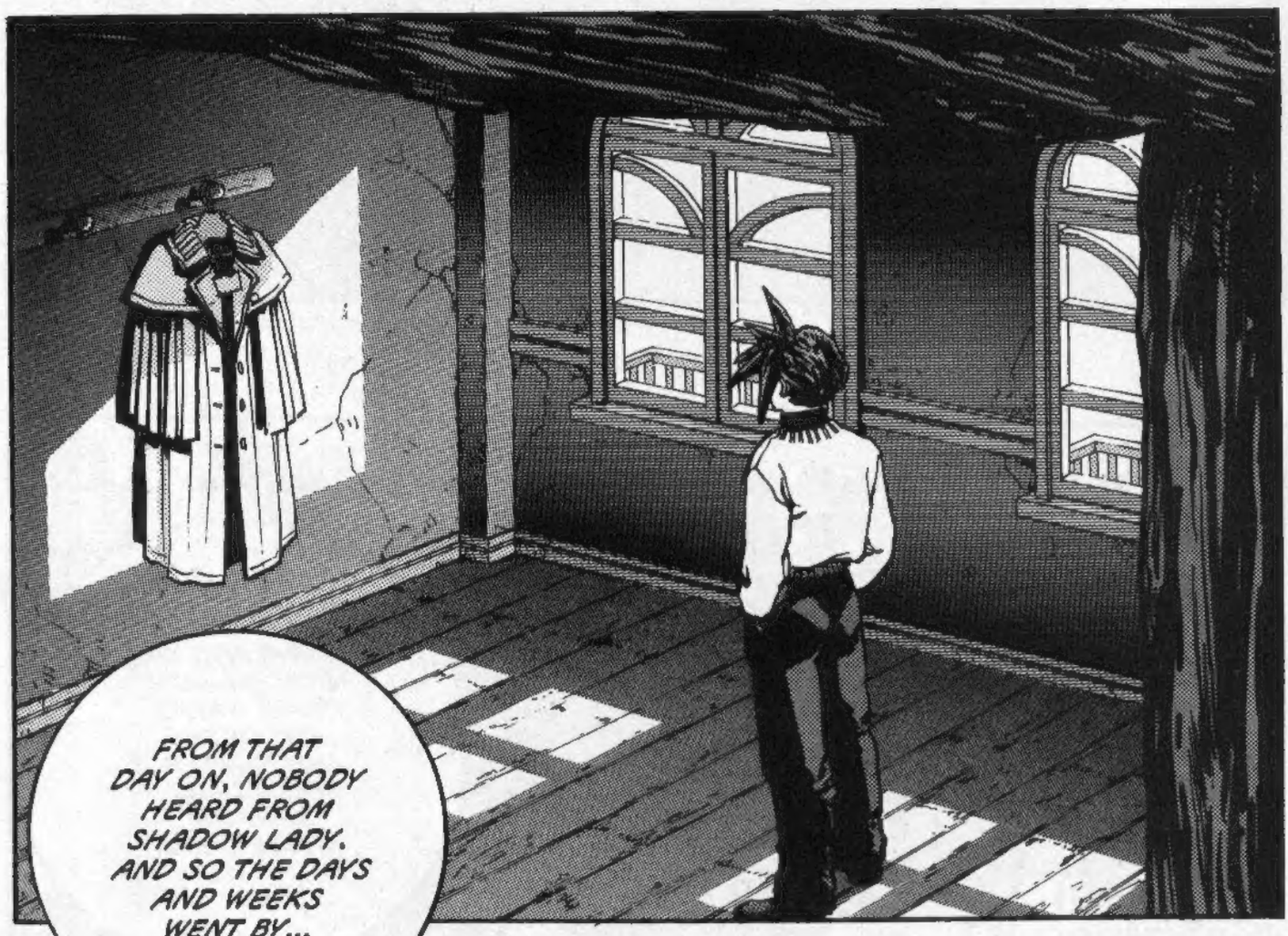
OH, GEEZ... NOW, THIS IS MEGA-LAME!
SAVED BY THE COPS... YUCK! GUESS THIS IS REALLY THE ROCK BOTTOM FOR SHADOW LADY, HUH?

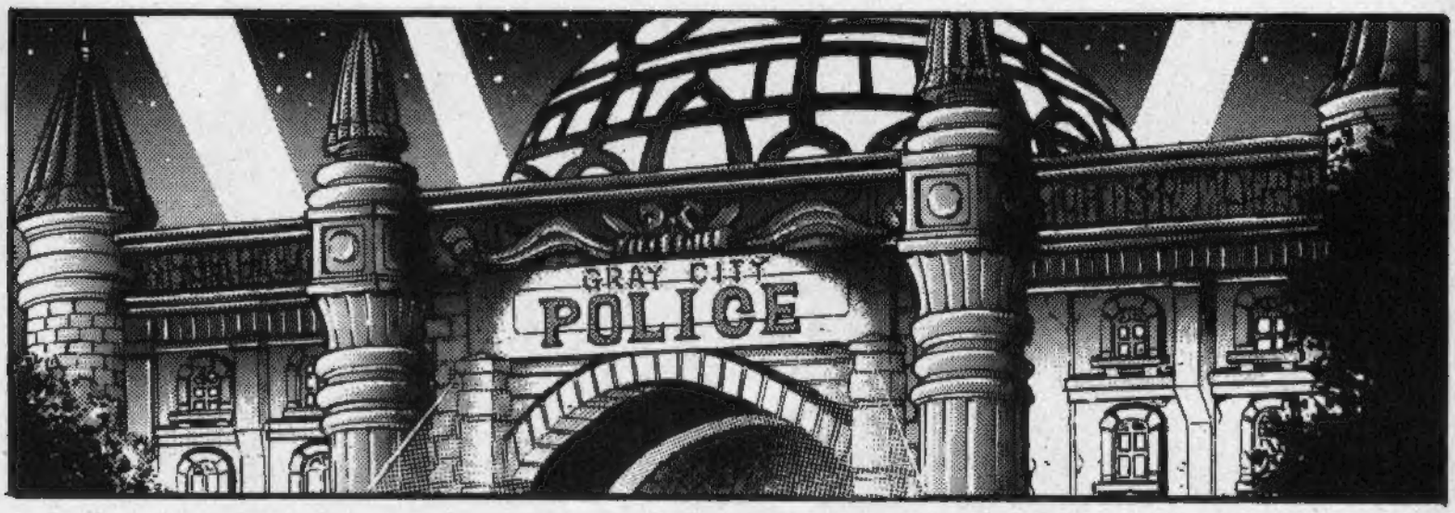
=sigghh=
OH, MR. B... YOU ARE SUCH A FOOL.
ME, TOO... ....
BY THE NEXT DAY, SHADOW LADY WAS A HERO. ONE OF THE HELICOPTER PILOTS HAD SEEN THE WHOLE THING.


AND YET...

Sorry it took me so long to return this.
Thank You for saving me.♥




FROM THAT DAY ON, NOBODY HEARD FROM SHADOW LADY. AND SO THE DAYS AND WEEKS WENT BY...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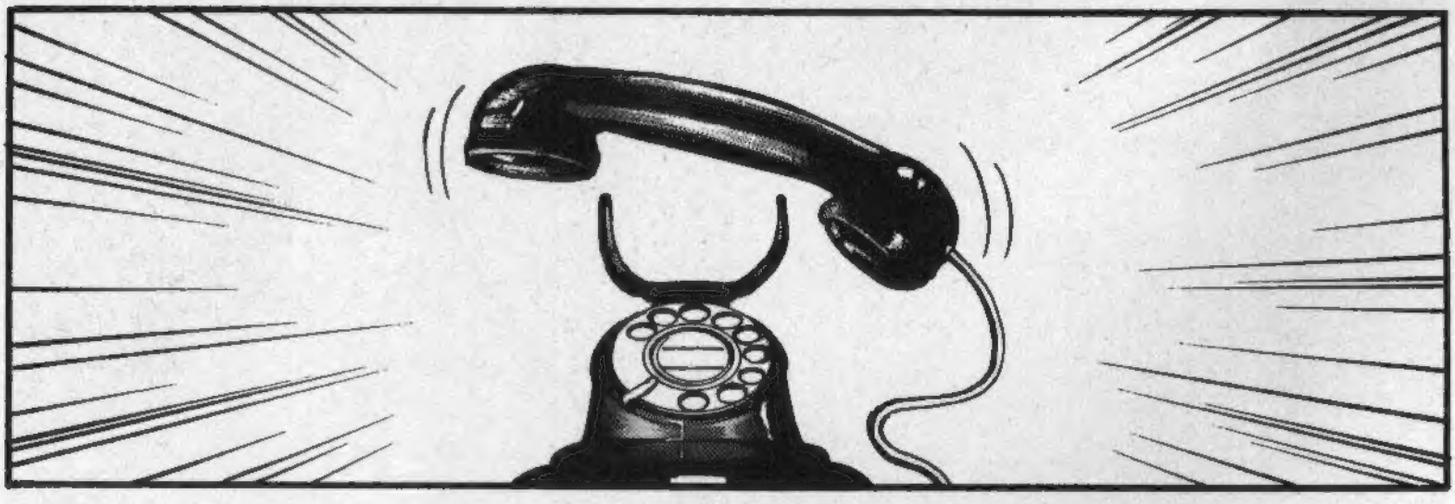

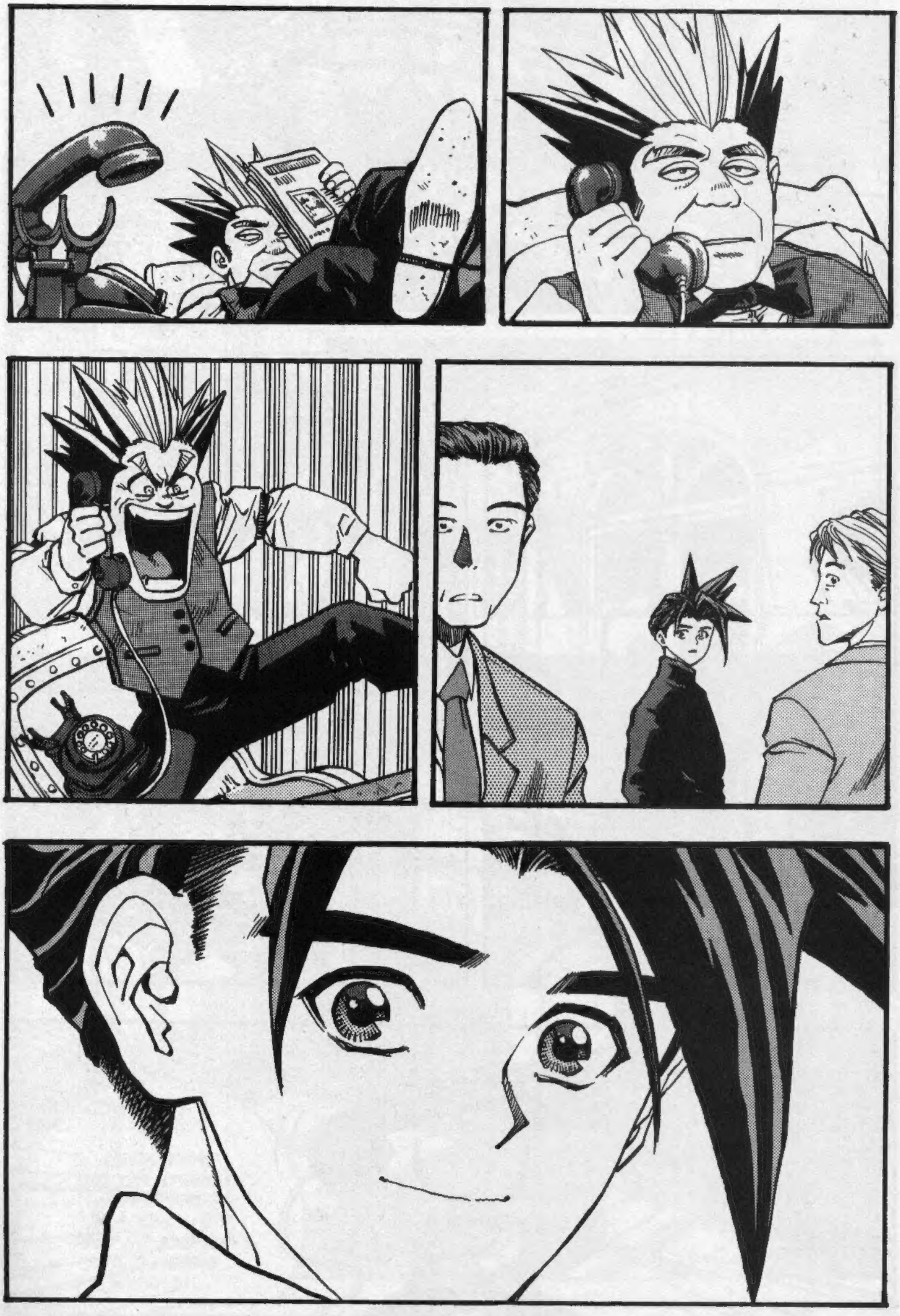

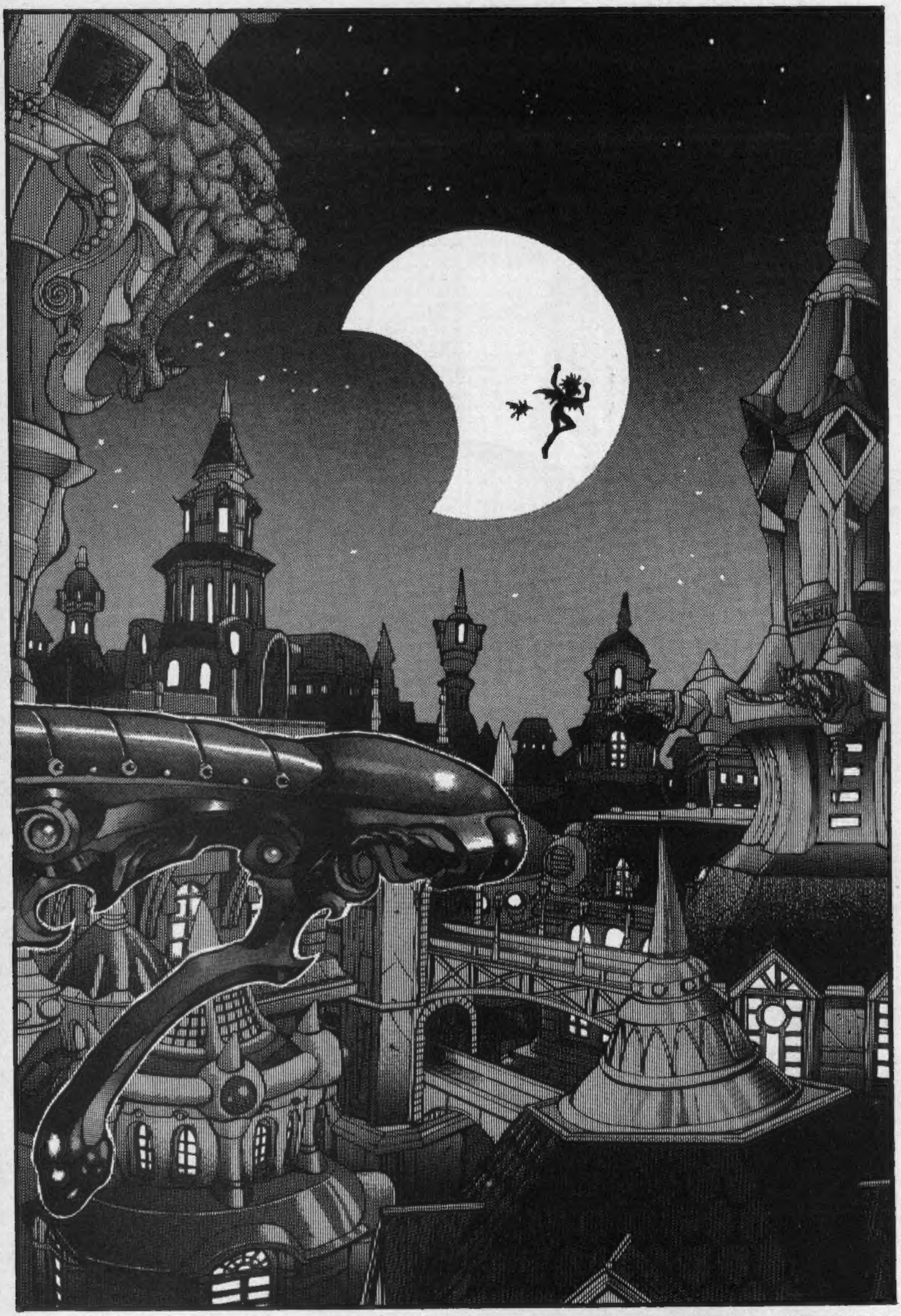

THE END OF *SHADOW LADY* THE SERIES... BUT WATCH FOR THE *SHADOW LADY SPECIAL* NEXT MONTH!